

**Revelation 19.** See also **Revelation 17:14, 19:11-16 – King of kings and Lord of lords**

**Table Revelation 19:1-21**

- 1 *And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:*
- 2 *For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.*
- 3 *And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.*
- 4 *And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.*
- 5 *And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.*
- 6 *And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*
- 7 *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*
- 8 *And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*
- 9 *And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*
- 10 *And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*
- 11 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*
- 12 *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*
- 13 *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*
- 14 *And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*
- 15 *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*
- 16 *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*
- 17 *And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;*
- 18 *That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.*

19 *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

20 *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

21 *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

See Dr Ruckman's commentaries *Volume I of the Book of Psalms* p 54, *The Book of Revelation* pp 483-508 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 801-802, 1665.

See also [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/) *Revelation 13, 14* pp 5-8, *Revelation 17, 18* on "**the great whore**" *Revelation 19:2* and *Revelation 17 Rome - Additional Resources*.

Note that while focusing on how "...**the Lord our God... hath judged the great whore**" *Revelation 19:1-2* this study has sought to emphasise related applications by means of cross-referencing "**the words... which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual**" *1 Corinthians 2:13*.

1. *Revelation 19:1-5*. *Revelation 19:1* "...**Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God**" is a distinct and vital reminder of *Acts 4:12* "**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**"

"**Alleluia... Praise our God**" *Revelation 19:1, 3, 5* uttered by "...**a great voice of much people in heaven...**" *Revelation 19:1* is prompted by the inflicting of "...**the LORD'S vengeance...**" *Isaiah 34:8*, *Jeremiah 51:6* *not* His goodness as shown by *Revelation 19:2-5* "**For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand... And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.**"

*Revelation 19:2-5* are a graphic End Times fulfilment of these scriptures, *noting where Catholicism ends in Revelation 14:11, 19:3*.

*Deuteronomy 32:43* "**Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.**" *Noting Revelation 11:18* "**And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth**" the complete fulfilment of *Deuteronomy 32:43* will require the fulfilment of *Isaiah 25:7* "**And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations**"

*Judges 5:30* "**So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.**" The last sentence typifies the post-Second Advent millennial reign where "...**them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands... lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years**" *Revelation 20:4*

*1 Kings 1:36* "**And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too**"

*Psalm 9:3, 16-17, 19-20* “When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence...The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. **Higgaion. Selah.** The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God...Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. **Selah.**” The term “**Higgaion**” occurs once in scripture and means *to meditate*, Psalm 19:14, 92:3

*Psalm 19:9* “...the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether”

*Psalm 92:9* “For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered”

*Isaiah 66:14* “And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies”

*Jeremiah 11:20, 20:12* “But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause...But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause”

*Jeremiah 50:15* “Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, do unto her”

*Ezekiel 25:17* “And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them”

*Nahum 1:2* “God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies”

*Luke 21:22* “For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled”

*Revelation 14:11* “And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

Today’s believer may nevertheless still be encouraged by Luke 21:28 “And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”

2. Revelation 19:6-10. Revelation 19:6 “And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth” is the End Times fulfilment of Psalm 150:1, 6 “Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power...Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD” especially insofar as, which today’s believer should keep to the fore, “Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him” Isaiah 40:10.

It should be noted that “the Lord God omnipotent” is the correct Biblical expression for the “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” Revelation 19:16. The word ‘Sovereign’ should never be used in association with God. See the attached study **The Sovereign Power of Darkness**.

Revelation 19:7-9 “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God” are the Second Advent and

post-Second Advent fulfilment of these scriptures with application made to the Church as Paul states in 2 Corinthians 11:3 ***“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”***

***Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels”*** speaking as one ***“espoused...to one husband...as a chaste virgin to Christ”***

That scripture as applied to Church Age saints i.e. ***“espoused...to one husband...as a chaste virgin to Christ”*** impinges upon Revelation 19:7-8 ***“...for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints”*** with respect to ***“...the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference”*** Romans 3:22 and 2 Corinthians 7:1 ***“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God”*** and context.

***Jeremiah 33:10-11 “Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD”*** with particular reference to Revelation 19:9 ***“And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb...”*** convened *on earth* after ***“...the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready”*** Revelation 19:7 according to Song of Solomon 1:16-17, 2:3-4 ***“Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green. The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir...I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banquetting house, and his banner over me was love.”***

Restoration of the land at the Second Advent, as this writer perceives the application of Jeremiah 33:11, will be necessary after the Second Advent invasion of ***“...as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them”*** Joel 2:2-3.

***“...Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb...”*** because they will be ***“...all his saints...”*** who’ll receive wedding invitations in accordance with Deuteronomy 33:3 ***“Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.”***

Revelation 19:7-9 in particular are summarised as ***“...These are the true sayings of God”*** Revelation 17:9 as King Solomon in effect testifies of the 1611 Holy Bible ***“the book of the LORD”*** Isaiah 34:16 ***“the scripture of truth”*** Daniel 10:21 ***“the royal law”*** James 2:8 and ***“All scripture”*** that ***“is given by inspiration of God”*** 2 Timothy 3:16 in the certain belief that no other book is. ***“Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?...The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth”*** Proverbs 22:20-21, Ecclesiastes 12:10.

See the attached studies ***Purification of “The words of the LORD” Psalm 12:6, 7 – Summary, “The words of the LORD...purified seven times” Psalm 12:6*** for further details.

In sum Revelation 19:1-9 are an excellent incentive for today's believer always to abide by Hebrews 13:4 **"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."**

3. Revelation 19:10. See the attached study **Daniel – the Finisher** (as against **"the backslider in heart"** Proverbs 14:14) for the identity of the angel that rebukes John. That rebuke is a striking corollary of Matthew 4:10 **"Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."**

The declaration **"...for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy"** is a ringing endorsement of 1 John 4:1-4 **"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"** with respect to distinguishing between **"the prophets of the LORD"** 1 Kings 18:4, 13 with **"the prophets of God"** Ezra 5:2 versus **"false prophets"** Matthew 7:15, 24:11, 24, Mark 13:22, Luke 6:26, 2 Peter 2:1, 1 John 4:1.

Therefore **"Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good"** 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21.

4. Revelation 19:11-18, 21. Revelation 19:11-16 are the actual Second Advent fulfilment of Revelation 16:13-14, 16 **"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet...which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."** See [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 16](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Revelation%2016) pp 3-4.

Revelation 19:11-13, 15-16 **"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God...And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS"** depict **The Victor from heaven**.

See [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ Revelation 1 The Lord of Glory](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Revelation%201) pp 4-7 and the attached extract entitled **"...for we shall see him as he is"** 1 John 3:2 that reveal the identity of **"...he that...was called Faithful and True..."** Revelation 19:11.

**"And I saw...a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war"** Revelation 19:11 because:

**"Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies...Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments"** Psalm 119:119, 137

**"...the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus...was faithful to him that appointed him"** Hebrews 3:1-2

**"...we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life"** 1 John 5:20.

**"...and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself"** Revelation 19:12 because:

“...the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is secret?” Judges 13:18 i.e. not even fully revealed by the time of the Second Advent. Today’s believer should always abide by Deuteronomy 29:29 “The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law”

“...the Lamb...is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful” Revelation 17:14.

“...And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God...And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” Revelation 19:13, 16 because:

“...Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood...” Matthew 27:3-4

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” John 1:1

“I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus...until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords” 1 Timothy 6:13-15

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us...Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you” Hebrews 9:12, 20.

“And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God” Revelation 19:15 because:

“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel” Psalm 2:6-9

“...the LORD...hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up” Hosea 6:1 “That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations” Psalm 67:2.

See further [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/) Revelation 14 pp 7-8 and the attached extract entitled “...the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God” Revelation 19:15.

Revelation 19:14 “And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean” depict *The Vindicated from Earth* including today’s believer according to Jude 14-15 “...Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

5. Revelation 19:17-21. Note first that “**an angel standing in the sun...**” Revelation 19:17 is thereby depicted as standing “**...before the face of the LORD...**” Genesis 19:13, 1 Samuel 26:20 because “**...his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength**” Revelation 1:16 and therefore concerning what follows “**...These are the true sayings of God**” Revelation 19:9.

Revelation 19:17-21 “**And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh**” depict **The Vanquished upon Earth** according to Ezekiel 39:17-21 “**And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD. And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.**”

Revelation 19:20 “**And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone**” is the explicit End Times fulfilment of Psalm 11:5-6, Isaiah 30:33 “**The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup...For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.**”

As one of **The Vindicated from Earth** today’s believer should always keep in mind in the light of John’s testimony of Revelation 19 Jeremiah 1:12, 16 “**Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it...And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.**”

In addition as one of **The Vindicated from Earth** today’s believer should in the light of John’s testimony of Revelation 19 always be encouraged that he can truthfully apply these scriptures.

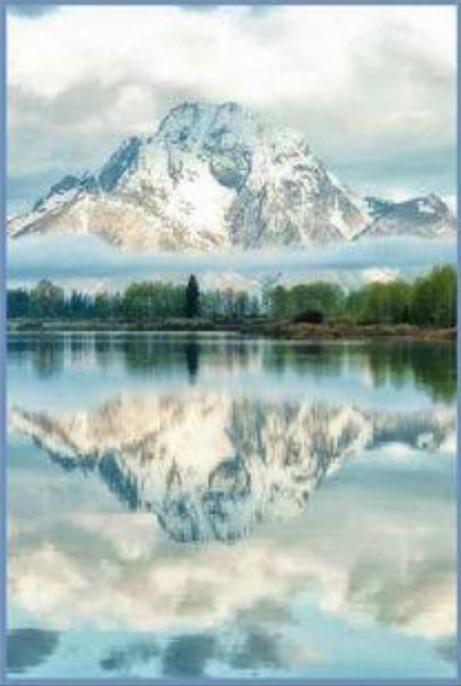
**1 Chronicles 16:34 “O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever”**

**Psalm 107:1 “O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever”**

**Psalm 118:29, 136:1 “O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”**

*Conclusion*

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**~Isaiah 52:7(KJV)~**

**How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!**

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## **Revelation 19 Study Questions and Sample Answers**

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1. What prompts the **“Alleluia”** Revelation 19:1, 3, 4 uttered by the inhabitants of heaven?
2. What prompts the **“Alleluia”** Revelation 19:6 uttered by **“a great multitude”**? See Revelation 19:7-9.
3. How would you seek to acquire **“the fine linen...the righteousness of saints”** Revelation 19:8?
4. What do you make of the statement **“These are the true sayings of God”** Revelation 19:9?
5. What do you think of the angel’s rebuke of John in Revelation 19:10?
6. How would you summarise Revelation 19:11-16?
7. How would you summarise Revelation 19:17-21?
8. How should Revelation 19 influence today’s believer’s mindset?

### **Sample Answers**

1. **“A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies”** Isaiah 66:6 (!)
2. **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 typified by Song of Solomon 3:11 **“Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.”**
3. **“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men”** Titus 3:8.
4. **“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever”** Psalm 12:6-7.
5. It is scriptural according to Luke 4:8 **“And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”**
6. **“For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch”** Malachi 4:1.
7. **“And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood”** Ezekiel 39:17.
8. **“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry”** Habakkuk 2:2-3.

## The Sovereign Power of Darkness



### IMAGE OF DARKNESS

Noted Christian writer and broadcaster Texe Marrs said this at the time of the attack on the World Trade Centre in NYC on the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. See:

[www.texemarrs.com/102001/face\\_of\\_devil.htm](http://www.texemarrs.com/102001/face_of_devil.htm).

*Where carnage, bloodshed, and destruction can be found, there you will also find Satan, aka the Devil. This mind-boggling picture is real. Printed on the web sites of The Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper, Cable News Network (CNN.com), and the pages of The Fort Worth Star-Telegram newspaper in Texas, this image was also broadcast over Fox TV News network. It clearly shows the devil's face in the fire and smoke of the explosions at the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The Associated Press confirms that this is an unretouched photograph, a digitized close-up of the original.*

The image itself however is not the central issue. The central issue is what it depicts as the Lord Jesus Christ said on the eve of **"the suffering and death...that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man"** Hebrews 2:9.

***"This is your hour, and the power of darkness" Luke 22:53***

### THE SOVEREIGN POWER OF DARKNESS

Why, then, the title of this piece, as above? After all, fundamentalists repeatedly use the word *sovereign* to refer to the Lord Himself, by means of such well-known phrases as *"the Sovereignty of God"* and *"God is Sovereign"* etc. How does the word *sovereign* then come to be associated with ***"the power of darkness"*** Luke 22:53? Gail Riplinger explains why.

### THE SOVEREIGN "MAN OF SIN" 2 Thessalonians 2:3

Gail Riplinger shows in *The Language of the King James Bible* p 66, her emphases, that the popular NIV *using the word sovereign* is a precursor to the encroaching satanic new world order that the Lord Jesus Christ called ***"the power of darkness"*** Luke 22:53.

*The NIV omits the powerful word "GOD" over 300 times [See The number of times 15 Major words differ from the King James Bible [www.av1611.org/biblewrd.html](http://www.av1611.org/biblewrd.html) by Terry Watkins]. It substitutes the weak word 'Sovereign.' This term was introduced into English by the French-speaking 'sovereigns' who governed England during the 12<sup>th</sup> century [See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_English\\_monarchs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_English_monarchs) Henry I, Stephen, Henry II, Richard I].*

According to the [Oxford English Dictionary's] corpus of English language, it has been used almost exclusively to indicate a mortal political leader, **not** the transcendent Almighty GOD. The recent unfortunate popularization of this word in some religious circles, no doubt owes its emphasis to John Calvin. The word 'Sovereign' capsulizes his French training for the priesthood, his denial of man's free-will and his teachings merging church and state. This merger looms frighteningly close as the Antichrist's shadow falls over the NIV's "Sovereign Lord," a term the OED cites as indicating a "man." Paul and John have identified that man.

**"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition"** 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

**"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six"** Revelation 13:18.

**"That man of sin...the son of perdition"** is known by his Sovereign Catholic Version.

### **THE SOVEREIGN CATHOLIC VERSION**

See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douay%E2%80%93Rheims\\_Bible](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douay%E2%80%93Rheims_Bible). The first English Bible to use the term "sovereign" was the Catholic Douay-Rheims Bible 1610, revised 1749-1752.

The DR uses "sovereignty" in Judges 5:11 and "sovereign" in Isaiah 3:1, 10:16, 33, 51:22, Amos 5:14, Jude 4 i.e. 7 times. Jude 4 shows the DR's influence on the 1984, 2011 NIVs:

**"For certain men are secretly entered in (who were written of long ago unto this judgment), ungodly men, turning the grace of our Lord God into riotousness and denying the only sovereign Ruler and our Lord Jesus Christ"** Jude 4 DR.

**"For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord"** Jude 4 1984 NIV.

**"For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord"** Jude 4 2011 NIV. Note that the DR, NIVs use "Sovereign" to erase "**Lord God**" in Jude 4 and rob "**our Lord Jesus Christ**" of His Deity to help set up the Antichrist as the AV1611 shows:

**"THE WORDS OF THE LORD"** Psalm 12:6

**"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ"** Jude 4 AV1611.

### **DIFFERENT WORD, SAME THEFT, SAME SATANIC SET-UP**

The Catholic JB, NJB, Jerusalem, New Jerusalem Bibles change "Sovereign" to the more familiar synonym "Master" but still erase "**Lord God**" to rob "**our Lord Jesus Christ**" of His Deity and promote "**that man of sin...so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**" 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. All modern bibles; RV, ASV, NASVs, RSV, NRSV, NIVs, NKJV footnote, CEV, ESV, GNT, HCSB, NCV, NET, NLT, NWTs, follow suit. That shows that they are from the same Catholic "**troubled fountain, and...corrupt spring**" Proverbs 25:26. Note also the gender-neutral changes in the 2011 NIV in Jude 4, to further the merging of the apostate End Times church with the satanic new world order that the Lord Jesus Christ called "**the power of darkness**" Luke 22:53.

**"WATCH YE, STAND FAST IN THE FAITH"** 1 Corinthians 16:13

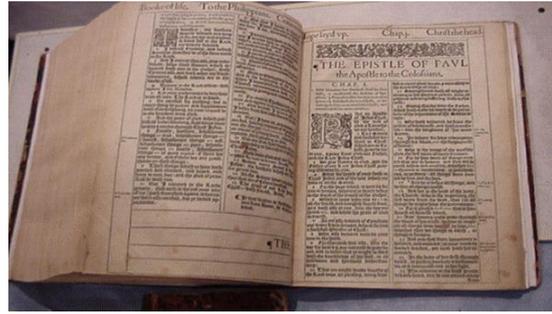
In conclusion note that not merely 'the Sovereign Lord' but "**the Lord God omnipotent reigneth**" Revelation 19:6. "**What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?**" Romans 8:31. Therefore "**till he come**" 1 Corinthians 11:26:

**"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong"** 1 Corinthians 16:13.

## Purification of “The words of the LORD” Psalm 12:6, 7 – Summary

### Introduction

Philippians 2:16 states “***Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.***” Inspiration must be inviolate throughout the purification process of “*the word of life*” otherwise it is no longer “*the word of life*” and Paul and the other writers of scriptures would have run and laboured in vain. However, they did not, because “*the word of the Lord endureth for ever*” 1 Peter 1:25. An overview of God’s seven-stage purification process of “*the word of life*” follows, noting the seven-stage purification *sub-processes* embedded in the overall purification process.



The Authorized 1611 King James Holy Bible  
[www.learnthebible.org/king\\_james\\_bible.htm](http://www.learnthebible.org/king_james_bible.htm)

### A Seven-Stage Purification Process – Historic Bibles

Dr Vance [*Bible Believers Bulletin*, February 2003, June 2006] shows that Psalm 12:6, 7 was fulfilled in history *largely with inspired translations* Genesis 2:7, 2 Samuel 3:10, Ezekiel 37:9-11, Matthew 24:35, John 6:63, Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 11:5, 1 Peter 1:23, 25:

- A received Hebrew text, 1800 BC to 389 BC
- A received Aramaic text at the same time (Genesis, Daniel, etc.)
- A received Greek text from AD 40 to AD 90
- A received Syrian text from AD 120 to AD 200
- A received Latin text from AD 150 to AD 1500
- A received German text from AD 1500 to AD 2006
- A received English text from AD 1611 to AD 2006 (2012+)

Dr Mrs Riplinger has this incisive observation from *In Awe of Thy Word* p 544, her emphases, in agreement with the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9. “***The Bible appears in many forms – such as Hebrew, Hungarian, English and Polish. The “form” of the Word seemed different at various times, yet it was still Jesus (e.g. the “fiery furnace” (Dan. 3:35), the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes” (Luke 2:12), when “She supposing him to be the gardener” (John 20:15), and when “his eyes were as a flame of fire” (Rev. 1:14). When the Word “appeared in another form,” as Jesus did, “neither believed they them” (Mark 16:12, 13). Likewise, some still dig for words in haunted Greek graveyards.***”

### A Seven-Stage Purification Process – Pre-English and English Bibles

Dr Mrs Riplinger [*In Awe of Thy Word*, p 33] documents the development of the seven purifications of the English Bible from its earliest inception, in fulfilment of Psalm 12:6, 7:

- The Gothic
- The Anglo-Saxon
- The Pre-Wycliffe
- The Wycliffe
- The Tyndale/Coverdale/Great/Geneva\*
- The Bishops’
- The King James Bible

\*The progression of the 16<sup>th</sup> century English Bibles to the King James Bible exhibits a further embedded seven purifications. See *One Book Stands Alone* by Dr Douglas Stauffer pp 282-284.

- The Tyndale 1525
- The Coverdale 1535
- The Matthew 1537
- The Great 1538
- The Geneva 1560
- The Bishops' 1568
- The King James Bible 1611

Dr Mrs Riplinger states, [*In Awe of Thy Word*, pp 539, 560ff] her emphases ““Seven” times “they purge...and purify it...” (Ezek. 43:26) – not eight. The KJV translators did **not** see their translation as one in the midst of a chain of ever evolving translations. They wanted their Bible to be one of which no one could justly say, ‘It is good, **except** this word or **that** word...’ They planned [*The Translators to the Reader*, [www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm](http://www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm)]: ““...to make...out of many good ones [Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, Great, Geneva, Bishops’], one principal good one, not justly to be excepted against; that hath been our endeavor, that our mark...the same will shine as gold more brightly, being rubbed and polished...”” In a sense God did inspire the King’s men to achieve their mark 2 Peter 1:21 as John Selden notes in *Table Talk*. ““The translation in King James’ time took an excellent way. That part of the Bible was given to him who was most excellent in such a tongue and then they met together, and one read the translation, the rest holding in their hands some Bible, either of the learned tongues [**Greek, Hebrew, Latin**], or **French, Italian, Spanish &c [and other languages]**. If they found any fault, they spoke; if not, he read on.””

#### **A Seven-Stage Purification Process – King James Bibles**

God has refined the 1611 Holy Bible through seven major editions. See *In Awe of Thy Word* p 600 and *The Hidden History of the English Scriptures* pp 49-51 by Dr Mrs Riplinger. “The only changes to the KJV since 1611 are of three types:

1. **1612:** Typography (from *Gothic* to **Roman** type)
2. **1629 & 1638:** Correction of typographical errors
3. **1762 & 1769:** Standardization of spelling.” Therefore, fulfilling Psalm 12:6, 7:

Two 1611 editions = seven stages. “**For with God nothing shall be impossible**” Luke 1:37.

#### **Particular Purification Steps**

##### **Addition of Words**

Scrivener notes in *The Authorized Edition of the English Bible (1611) Its Subsequent Reprints and Modern Representatives*, Appendices A, C, textual changes to early editions e.g. the words “**of God**” first being added to 1 John 5:12 in 1638. God oversees such changes. “**Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words**” Jeremiah 36:32.

##### **Elimination and Alteration of Words**

The NIV adds “**of Jesus**” in Acts 16:7. The Geneva Bible has “**Passover**” instead of “**Easter**” in Acts 12:4. God corrects such imperfections as illustrated by John 15:2 with respect to “**the true vine**” John 15:1, which is “**the Word of life**” 1 John 1:1, like “**the word of life**,” purging being a form of purifying. “**Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.**”

##### **Restoration of Words**

Current editions of Wycliffe’s Bible omit some scriptures e.g. the end of Matthew 6:13. God restores such omissions as illustrated by Romans 11:20, 23, AV1611. “**Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:...And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.**”

#### **Conclusion**

These purifications ensure that the AV1611 is “**the words of the LORD...pure words**” Psalm 12:6.

***“The words of the LORD...purified seven times”*** Psalm 12:6  
**An Oil Refining Analogy Against AV1611 Critics**



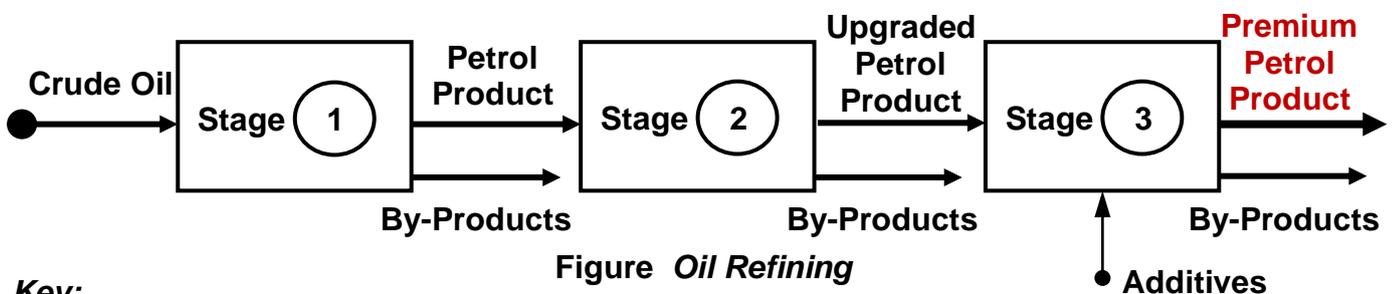
**Oil Refinery Plant**

***AV1611 Critics***

AV1611 critics deny perfection for the AV1611 by allusion to the different AV1611 Editions e.g. “*The King James Bible has gone through seven different editions...Which one can you say is “perfect”?*”<sup>1</sup> Those critics don’t understand stage-wise processes. See this analogy:

***Oil Refining – A Stage-wise Process***

Oil refining<sup>2</sup> is well-known. Its main product is premium grade petrol. Oil refining is complex<sup>3</sup> but can be summarised in three basic stage-wise steps. See **Figure**:



**Key:**

**Stage 1:** Crude oil separation into the crude petrol product and by-products

**Stage 2:** Petrol product chemical upgrading and further separation

**Stage 3:** Final separation, additives blended to yield premium petrol product

**Note:** At each stage, the intermediate petrol products are perfect for the next stage according to product specifications until the final, perfect premium product is achieved.

### **Scripture Purification – Seven-fold Stage-wise Processes**

The same principles apply to the stage-wise purifications of the Lord's words, with respect to old languages, the English language and the AV1611. Each purification is seven-fold:

**“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times”** Psalm 12:6, *which itself uses an industrial analogy i.e. silver refining.*

#### **Old Languages and the English Language**

Drs Vance and Riplinger<sup>4</sup> have shown the seven-fold stage-wise purification of scripture:

*From Old Languages:*

- A received Hebrew text, 1800 BC to 389 BC
- A received Aramaic text at the same time (Genesis, Daniel, etc.)
- A received Greek text from AD 40 to AD 90
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Note that the purification process, though with seven stages, was not strictly sequential. Dr Riplinger notes that Herman Hoskier identified 2<sup>nd</sup> century Greek-Latin-Syriac New Testaments in parallel<sup>5</sup>. Moreover, Dr Riplinger, her emphases, has stated directly to this writer that *“In Foxe’s Book of Martyrs, vol. 4, pp 671-675, Foxe quotes an old “treatise”...“Also the four evangelists wrote the gospel in divers languages, as Matthew in Judea, Mark in Italy, Luke in Achaia, and John in Asia. And all these wrote in the languages of the same countries...”* That is, parts of the New Testament were *first* written in *different* languages and existed in *parallel* to facilitate to the utmost **“obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name...Jesus Christ”** Romans 1:5-6.

*Through to the English Language:*

Purification of the English scriptures was also in seven stages and more directly sequential.

- The Gothic
- The Anglo-Saxon
- The Pre-Wycliffe
- The Wycliffe
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In these purifications of scripture, as with oil refining, each intermediate was perfect for the next stage *with no loss of inspiration*. **“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul”** Psalm 19:7. Only life begets life. *The AV1611 does that best.*

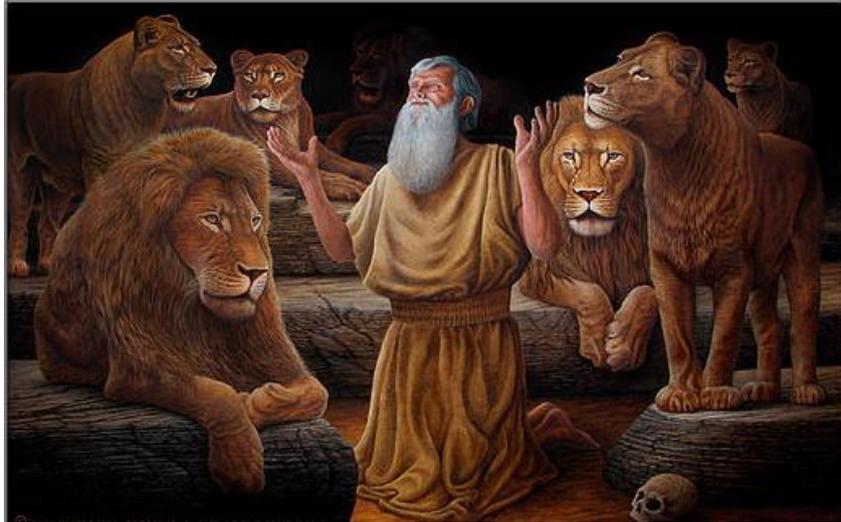
#### **The AV1611 – Seven-fold Stage-wise Purification**

This writer believes that *God then purified the AV1611 through seven major editions*<sup>6</sup>. Again, each intermediate product was perfect for the next stage through to full perfection.

1. **1612: Typography** (from *Gothic* to *Roman* type)
2. **1629 & 1638: Correction of typographical errors**
3. **1762 & 1769: Standardization of spelling.** Therefore, fulfilling Psalm 12:6, *two* 1611 Editions = *seven* stages in total. The critics notwithstanding therefore:

**“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it”** Psalm 119:140.

**Daniel – the Finisher** (as against *“the backslider in heart”* Proverbs 14:14)



*“They brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions”* Daniel 6:16<sup>7</sup>

Daniel’s name means God is my judge<sup>8</sup>. God judged Daniel favourably because the Lord calls Daniel *“greatly beloved”* 3 times, in Daniel 9:23, 10:11, 19. The expression *“greatly beloved”* is not found anywhere else in scripture.

One reason that Daniel was *“greatly beloved”* is that he was a finisher. It’s interesting that the expression *“the end,”* like you see in films, occurs 150 times in the Bible. It is found 24 times in Daniel, which is a very high number. Only Matthew exceeds Daniel, with 40 times and Matthew is twice as long as Daniel.

One reason that the expression *“the end”* occurs so often in Daniel is that Daniel prophesies in detail about the End Times. The Book of Daniel is therefore rightly seen as the Old Testament companion to the Book of Revelation<sup>9</sup>. We’ll come back to that association.

The expression *“the end”* applies to Daniel himself because as a finisher, he was there at *“the end,”* in at the finish, faithful, where God wants the Christian to be. Daniel 12:13 is the last verse in the book and the Lord says to Daniel:

*“But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.”*

Daniel is a good example for the Christian because God wants the Christian to be a finisher *“and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.”* Paul therefore urges the Christian to be *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;”* Hebrews 12:2 because both Jesus and Paul finished what God had for them to do, John 17:4, 2 Timothy 4:7. That’s what God wants for you and I. So how is Daniel a good example of a finisher?

One part of being a finisher is to stick with *“the scripture of truth”* Daniel 10:21. Daniel did so. Daniel 1:8 states:

*“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank:”*

Daniel stuck with *“the scripture of truth,”* which no doubt included the Book of Leviticus with its dietary restrictions and God got him through the situation. God can get you through a situation if you stick with *“the scripture of truth.”*

The king even promotes Daniel and he becomes an adviser to 3 kings. It should be observed that Solomon, also a king, states in Proverbs 22:29 *“Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.”* It proved true for Daniel. In principle, it can for you and I.

Daniel was a good, hard worker at his calling. So should you be. That's part of being a finisher but it can bring challenges. Not everyone likes a good worker.

Daniel 6:4 states ***“Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.”***

Eventually, Daniel's enemies got him ***“cast...into the den of lions”*** Daniel 6:16. Again, God got him through the situation but one reason for Daniel being cast into the den of lions was that he had to be found faithful in worship.

Daniel 6:10 states ***“Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.”***

It appears therefore that Daniel was faithful in worship but note Daniel 2:46, after Daniel had interpreted the king's dream of ***“a great image”*** Daniel 2:31.

***“Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.”***

That was sacrilege by both the king and Daniel. God corrects Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4 and Daniel in Daniel 6. God puts Daniel in an Acts 5:29 situation.

***“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.”***

God in Daniel 6 tests Daniel to make sure he obeys God, not men, in worship. Faithful worship is another part of being a finisher. Daniel is found faithful.

Daniel 2, 6 have an interesting postscript in Revelation 19:10, 22:8, 9. These verses underline how Daniel and Revelation are connected, as indicated earlier. John tries to worship ***“the angel which shewed me these things”*** not once but twice. Each time the angel says ***“See thou do it not...worship God.”***

I believe that the angel is Daniel, *glorified*. That is how God fulfilled His promise to Daniel that he would ***“stand in thy lot at the end of the days.”***

Daniel was a finisher right to ***“the end,”*** even to the last page of the Bible. He was a finisher because he stuck to the scripture, was diligent in his calling and faithful in worship. That's God's will for the Christian. One verse that sums up Daniel's life is 1 Corinthians 15:58. It should be memorized. Jesus said in John 14:23 ***“If a man love me, he will keep my words.”*** That's w-o-r-d-s, words.

***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”*** May 1 Corinthians 15:58 be true for you and I.

**“...for we shall see him as he is” 1 John 3:2**

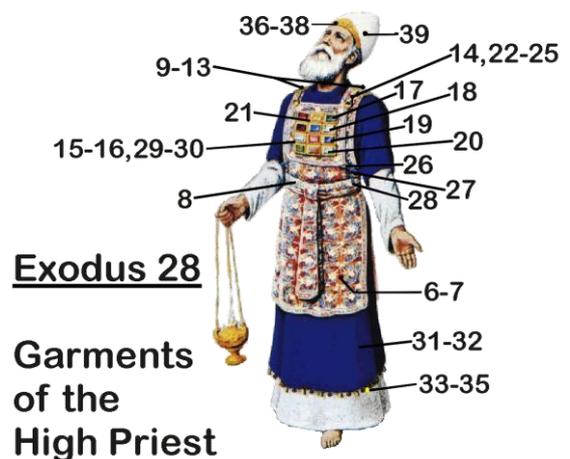
Concerning **“the heavenly vision”** Acts 26:19 that John received of **“seven golden candlesticks”** that vision testifies as follows to the Lord Jesus Christ **“the Lord of glory”** James 2:1 as **“...The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God”** 1 Kings 18:39 **“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily”** Colossians 2:9...

Concerning **“golden”** see the attached study **“Behold, there came wise men”** Matthew 2:1 and note this extract given that the Lord Jesus Christ is declared to be in Revelation 19:16 **“KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”**

- Gold is for a *king*. 1 Kings 10:18 says of Solomon that **“...the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.”** The Lord Jesus Christ is **“the King of kings, and Lord of lords”** 1 Timothy 6:15, so the **“the best gold”** befits Him...
4. **Revelation 1:13.** John saw **“in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man”** because **“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”** Matthew 18:20 **“And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven”** John 3:13.

He is **“clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle”** because as Job states of the Lord Jesus Christ *in type* **“I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem”** Job 29:14 and as Isaiah testifies for **“all ye his saints”** Psalm 31:23 **“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels”** Isaiah 61:10.

**“girt about the paps with a golden girdle”** is the Lord’s glorified counterpart of **“...holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty; as the LORD commanded Moses...And the curious girdle of the ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen...And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually”** Exodus 28:1, 8, 29 because as Paul reveals **“...consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus...this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them”** Hebrews 3:1, 7:24-25.



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In addition to the above scriptures today’s believer may take great comfort with respect to Romans 8:34 **“...Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”**

5. **Revelation 1:14.** **“His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow”** because **“The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand...And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man”** John 3:35, 5:27. Daniel had vision of what therefore now applies to the Lord Jesus Christ **“I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his**

head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened...I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” Daniel 9-10, 13-14.

Daniel’s visions concerning the Lord Jesus Christ depicted according as “His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow” are fulfilled in Revelation 20:11-12 “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

Today’s believer should therefore be thankful that for him as John testifies “I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name’s sake...And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life” 1 John 2:12, 25.

Because concerning the Lord Jesus Christ “...his eyes were as a flame of fire” “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” Hebrews 4:13 and therefore today’s believer can take comfort in 1 Peter 3:12 “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”

6. **Revelation 1:15.** With “...his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace” thus it shall be “...unto you that fear my name...ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts” Malachi 4:2-3 “When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day” 2 Thessalonians 1:10.

The expression “...his voice as the sound of many waters” immediately identifies “...our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory...” James 2:1 as He of Whom Ezekiel testifies with respect to the Second Advent “And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory” Ezekiel 43:2.

Given that Ezekiel 43:2 is of “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John” Revelation 1:1 today’s believer should consistently abide by Psalm 40:16, 70:4 “Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified...and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.”

7. **Revelation 1:16.** See remarks on Revelation 1:20 with respect to “seven stars” but note that the expression “And he had in his right hand seven stars” immediately identifies the Lord Jesus Christ as He of Whom Amos exhorts “for all saints” Ephesians 6:18 because “When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek” Psalm 27:8 “Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:” Amos 5:8.

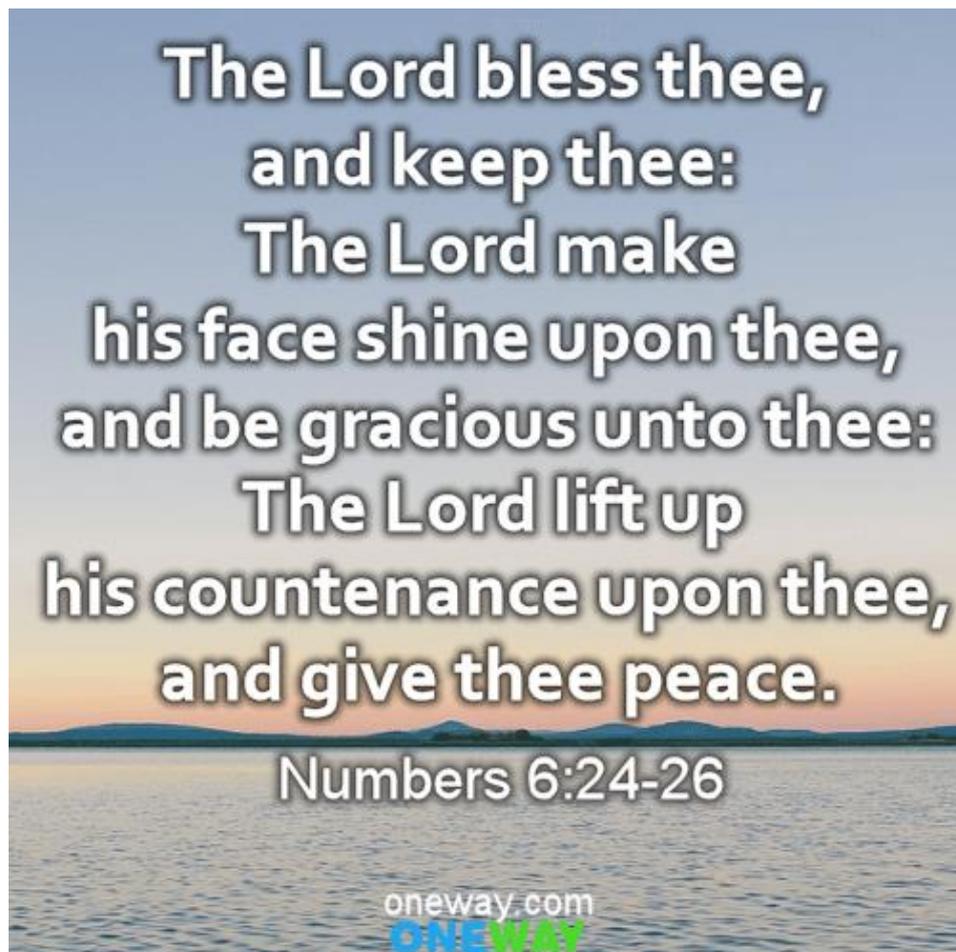
“his right hand” is therefore “the right hand of power” Matthew 26:64, Mark 14:62 with respect to “...Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God” 1 Corinthians 1:24 as revealed in creation because “...God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also” Genesis 1:16 “Who being the brightness of his

glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” Hebrews 1:3. The sun went out the day God died according to Luke 23:45-46 “And the sun was darkened...And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost” because “...Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him...this is your hour, and the power of darkness” Luke 22:52-53.

For details and further information see the attached study ***The Sovereign Power of Darkness***.

However as Peter declares of the Lord Jesus Christ with respect to “Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs...Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it” Acts 2:22, 24 therefore “out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword” because “...out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God” Revelation 19:15.

John’s reaction notwithstanding, Revelation 1:17, “his countenance...as the sun shineth in his strength” is a great comfort to today’s believer “For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly” Psalm 84:11 as the following well-known scriptures reinforce.



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*“...the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God”* Revelation 19:15

5. Revelation 14:17-20. John then saw that *“...another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel...cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs”* Revelation 14:17-20 in the End Times fulfilment of these scriptures.

*Deuteronomy 32:32-33, 42 “For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps...I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy”*

*Isaiah 13:11, 15 “And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible...Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword”*

*Isaiah 63:2-4, 6 “Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?...I have trodden the winepress alone...for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come...And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth”*

*Joel 3:13, 16 “Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great...The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.”*

Today’s believer should therefore remember the following.



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