

crown on each horn. A name against God was written on each head. <sup>2</sup>This beast looked like a leopard, with feet like a bear's feet and a mouth like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave the beast all of his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup>One of the heads of the beast looked as if it had been killed by a wound, but this death wound was healed. Then the whole world was amazed and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>People worshiped the dragon because he had given his power to the beast. And they also worshiped the beast, asking, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against it?"

<sup>5</sup>The beast was allowed to say proud words and words against God, and it was allowed to use its power for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup>It used its mouth to speak against God, against God's name, against the place where God lives, and against all those who live in heaven. <sup>7</sup>It was given power to make war against God's holy people and to defeat them. It was given power over every tribe, people, language, and nation. <sup>8</sup>And all who live on earth will worship the beast—all the people since the beginning of the world whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life. The Lamb is the One who was killed.

<sup>9</sup>Anyone who has ears should listen:

<sup>10</sup>If you are to be a prisoner,  
then you will be a prisoner.

If you are to be killed with the sword,  
then you will be killed with the sword.

This means that God's holy people must have patience and faith.

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup>This beast stands before the first beast and uses the same power the first beast has. By this power it makes everyone living on earth worship the first beast, who had the death wound that was healed. <sup>13</sup>And the second beast does great miracles so that it even makes fire come down from heaven to earth while people are watching. <sup>14</sup>It fools those who live on earth by the

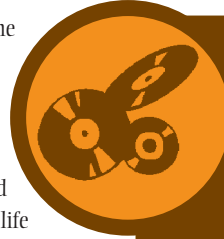
miracles it has been given the power to do. It does these miracles to serve the first beast. The second beast orders people to make an idol to honor the first beast, the one that was wounded by the deadly sword but sprang to life again. <sup>15</sup>The second beast was given power to give life to the idol of the first one so that the idol could speak. And the second beast was given power to command all who will not worship the image of the beast to be killed. <sup>16</sup>The second beast also forced all people, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to have a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. <sup>17</sup>No one could buy or sell without this mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. <sup>18</sup>This takes wisdom. Let the one who has understanding find the meaning of the number, which is the number of a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

#### THE SONG OF THE SAVED

**14** Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion.<sup>a</sup> With him were one hundred forty-four thousand people who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup>And I heard a sound from heaven like the noise of flooding water and like the sound of loud thunder. The sound I heard was like people playing harps. <sup>3</sup>And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the new song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who had been bought from the earth. <sup>4</sup>These are the ones who did not do sinful things with women, because they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb every place he goes. These one hundred forty-four thousand were bought from among the people of the earth as people to be offered to God and the Lamb. <sup>5</sup>They were not guilty of telling lies; they are without fault.

#### THE THREE ANGELS

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying high in the air. He had the eternal Good News to preach to



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1. "I COULD SING OF YOUR LOVE FOREVER" (DELIRIOUS)
2. "THE HEART OF WORSHIP" (MATT REDMAN)
3. "AGNUS DEI" (MICHAEL W. SMITH)
4. "I WANT TO KNOW YOU" (SONICFLOOD)
5. "YOU ARE MY STRONGHOLD" (WATERMARK)
6. "IT IS YOU" (NEWSBOYS)
7. "GOD OF WONDERS" (THIRD DAY)
8. "O PRAISE HIM (ALL THIS FOR A KING)" (DAVID CROWDER BAND)
9. "HERE I AM TO WORSHIP" (TIM HUGHES)
10. "FOREVER" (CHRIS TOMLIN)

those who live on earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup>He preached in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him praise, because the time has come for God to judge all people. So worship God who made the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the springs of water."

<sup>8</sup>Then the second angel followed the first angel and said, "Ruined, ruined is the great city of Babylon! She made all the nations drink the wine of the anger of her adultery."

<sup>9</sup>Then a third angel followed the first two angels, saying in a loud voice: "If anyone worships

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**14:1 Mount Zion** Another name for Jerusalem; here meaning the spiritual city of God's people.

on them who had been given the power to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been killed because they were faithful to the message of Jesus and the message from God. They had not worshiped the beast or his idol, and they had not received the mark of the beast on their foreheads or on their hands. They came back to life and ruled with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The others that were dead did not live again until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first raising of the dead. <sup>6</sup>Happy and holy are those who share in this first raising of the dead. The second death has no power over them. They will be priests for God and for Christ and will rule with him for a thousand years.

<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are over, Satan will be set free from his prison. <sup>8</sup>Then he will go out to trick the nations in all the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them for battle.

### MARK 4:41 “WHO IS THIS? EVEN THE WIND AND THE WAVES OBEY HIM!”

There are so many people they will be like sand on the seashore. <sup>9</sup>And Satan’s army marched across the earth and gathered around the camp of God’s people and the city God loves. But fire came down from heaven and burned them up. <sup>10</sup>And Satan, who tricked them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur with the beast and the false prophet. There they will be punished day and night forever and ever.

#### PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ARE JUDGED

<sup>11</sup>Then I saw a great white throne and the One who was sitting on it. Earth and sky ran away from him and disappeared. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne. Then books were opened, and the book of life was opened. The dead were judged by what they had done, which was written in the books. <sup>13</sup>The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades<sup>2</sup> gave up the dead who were in them. Each person was judged by what he had done. <sup>14</sup>And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And anyone whose name

was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

#### THE NEW JERUSALEM

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and there was no sea anymore. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,<sup>3</sup> coming down out of heaven from God. It was prepared like a bride dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Now God’s presence is with people, and he will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and will be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain, because all the old ways are gone.”

<sup>5</sup>The One who was sitting on the throne said, “Look! I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this, because these words are true and can be trusted.”

<sup>6</sup>The One on the throne said to me, “It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega,” the Beginning and the End. I will give free water from the spring of the water of life to anyone who is thirsty. <sup>7</sup>Those who win the victory will receive this, and I will be their God, and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup>But cowards, those who refuse to believe, who do evil things, who kill, who sin sexually, who do evil magic, who worship idols, and who tell lies—all these will have a place in the lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

<sup>9</sup>Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last troubles came to me, saying, “Come with me, and I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

<sup>10</sup>And the angel carried me away by the Spirit to a very large and high mountain. He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup>It was shining with the glory of God and was bright like a very expensive jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>The city had a great high wall with twelve gates with twelve angels at the gates, and on each gate was written the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>13</sup>There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. <sup>14</sup>The walls of the city were built on twelve foundation stones, and on the stones were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

## ✓ COUNT ON IT

### REVELATION 22:20

What if you were God? What if you’d spent years inspiring the Bible, making sure that the people who read it would have access to everything you wanted them to know? What would you tell them at the very end? Would you let your book just fizzle out with some kind of lame ending? Or would you let the whole work build up to one exciting, crucial climax?

God chose to end his Book with a thought that thrills some people and terrifies others. The end of the story is this: Jesus is coming back. And he’s coming back soon. Christians should be the ones who are thrilled by this knowledge. It gives you so much hope! It gives you courage to live the challenging days you’re living through right now. It gives you powerful motivation to get serious about answering God’s call for your life. You want to be ready. You want to have your life right with God when the last trumpet sounds. You can’t know the exact moment when he will arrive; you just know it’s going to be soon.

Make your prayer the words of Revelation 22:20, “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” Do your part to be ready—be excited about his return. Get your heart tender and right before him. Share the news with those who don’t know. It’ll be the most awesome, most glorious moment the world has ever seen.



20:13 Hades The place of the dead. 21:2 new Jerusalem The spiritual city where God’s people live with him. 21:6 Alpha and the Omega The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This means “the beginning and the end.”