

**Revelation NRSV
Chapter 5**

1 Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; 2 and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” (You know how old fashioned letters were sealed with wax from a candle, and then the signet ring was pressed into the wax? Same idea... clay “bullae” were put on scrolls and then imprinted with a seal) 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. 4 And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

6 Then I saw between the throne and the **four living creatures** and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth (wacky symbolic, take note). 7 He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. 8 When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty- four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
10 **you have made them to be a kingdom and priests** serving our God,
and they will **reign on earth.**”

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

12 **singing** with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

13 Then I heard **every creature** in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, **singing**,

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“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Chapter 6

1 Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, “Come!” 2 I looked, and there was a **white horse**! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out **conquering** and to conquer.

3 When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, “Come!” 4 And out came another **horse, bright red**; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another; and he was given a **great sword**. **War**.

5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, “Come!” I looked, and there was a **black horse**! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, 6 and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a day’s pay, and three quarts of barley for a day’s pay, but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!” **Famine**.

7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, “Come!” 8 I looked and there was a **pale green horse**! Its rider’s name was **Death**, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with **sword, famine, and pestilence**, and by the wild animals of the earth. **The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are really cool. Notice these don’t neatly line up with the traditional War, Pestilence (that’s the missing one), Famine, Death. The ways they kill listed in verse 8 fleshes out the tradition. Also, go watch the X-Men: Apocalypse trailer.**

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slaughtered for the word of God and for the testimony they had given; 10 they cried out with a loud voice, “Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge and avenge our blood on the inhabitants of the earth?” 11 They were each given a **white robe** and told to **rest a little longer**, until the number would be complete both of their fellow servants and of their brothers and sisters, who were soon to be killed as they themselves had been killed. **(These type of ideas are meant to comfort, but they also have a dark underside. Why on earth would a certain number “need” to be killed?)**

12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and there came a great earthquake; the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree drops its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. 14 The sky vanished like a scroll rolling itself up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the magnates and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand **(again symbolic, describing the end of the status quo)**

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Chapter 19

1 After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

"Hallelujah!
Salvation and glory and power to our God,
2 for his judgments are true and just;
he has judged the great whore
who corrupted the earth with her fornication,
and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

3 Once more they said,

"Hallelujah!
The smoke goes up from her forever and ever."

4 And the twenty- four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying,

"Amen. Hallelujah!"

5 And from the throne came a voice saying,

"Praise our God,
all you his servants,
and all who fear him,
small and great."

6 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out, [I really like the idea of all creation on heaven and earth uniting to praise the victory of God and celebrate the healing of that creation.](#)

"Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
7 Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,

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for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his **bride has made herself ready**;
8 to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure”—

for the fine linen is the **righteous deeds of the saints**. I really like this idea—our “holy clothing” is made up of our righteous deeds, the good we do in the world. This idea of being prepared for a wedding can be powerful, meaningful, but we also need to remain sensitive to the cultural context, including the fact women (brides) have been treated as property for most of history.

9 And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the **marriage supper of the Lamb**.” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.” 10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a **fellow servant** with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the **testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**.” (we throw this verse around, but it isn’t especially clear)

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a **robe dipped in blood**, and his name is called The **Word of God**. 14 And the **armies of heaven**, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his **mouth comes a sharp sword** with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; **he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty**. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, “King of kings and Lord of lords.” Again, symbolic language about Jesus (not saying he has a thigh tattoo). I especially relate to words being a sharp, two-edged sword.

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly in midheaven, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses and their riders—flesh of all, both free and slave, both small and great.” 19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against the rider on the horse and against his army. 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed in its presence the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. 21 And the rest were killed by the sword of the rider on the horse, the sword that came from his mouth; and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. **Pretty dark and grim.**

Chapter 20

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the **Devil and Satan**, and **bound him for a thousand years**, 3 and threw him into the pit, and **locked and sealed it** over him, so that he would deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be let out for a little while. I think Alma 43:3 illuminates this passage in a vital way: *we* are the ones who bind Satan by living righteously.

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4 Then I saw thrones, and those seated on them were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands (in its historical context, this wording about the beast and mark etc referred to the worship of the emperor. Christians were put to death for failing to participate in the Imperial cult. The “mark of the beast” numerically refers to the emperor Nero). They came to life and **reigned with Christ a thousand years**. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him a thousand years.

7 When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will come out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, in order to gather them for battle; they are as numerous as the sands of the sea. 9 They marched up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from heaven and consumed them. 10 And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

11 Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the **dead, great and small**, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the **book of life**. And the **dead were judged according to their works**, as recorded in the books. 13 And the **sea gave up the dead that were in it**, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire (the idea that even death and hell will be judged and punished, demonstrating the utterly completeness of God’s victory, is a powerful one). This is the second death, the lake of fire; 15 and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Chapter 21

These two chapters are so precious. 1 Then I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the **home of God is among mortals**.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the **first things have passed away.**” I love this on so many levels. This is worth meditating on and especially asking how we can apply these verses to our own lives.

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5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, **I am making all things new.**” This is one of my favorite scriptures period. What a promise, a hope, a goal. Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” 10 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the **holy city Jerusalem** coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It has the **glory of God** and a **radiance** like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; 13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 The angel who talked to me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city and its gates and walls. 16 The city lies foursquare, its length the same as its width; and he measured the city with his rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. 17 He also measured its wall, one hundred forty- four cubits by human measurement, which the angel was using. 18 The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass. It is fun to imagine what heaven is like, but it is also clear that the author is trying to imagine the most beautiful scene he can conceptualize. Heaven is always described as the best, most beautiful, most perfect environment we humans can imagine (usually in terms relevant to a particular culture), and hell is the worst, most painful things we humans can imagine. So a desert culture imagines heaven as an oasis and hell as a sandstorm, for example. It makes theological sense that both God and heaven transcend anything we can possibly imagine as limited humans.

22 I saw no temple in the city, for **its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.** I like the idea that symbolism is no longer needed in heaven, because we will experience reality. It is also helpful to remind ourselves that our symbolism (which all language is) does not perfectly match up to or describe reality. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the **glory of God is its light**, and its **lamp is the Lamb.** 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its **gates will never be shut** by day (this is so important—heaven is our home, never closed to us. We are already —and **there will be no night there.** 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but **only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.** I really appreciate Moroni’s insight that it isn’t that people will be barred from heaven, but rather they would be deeply uncomfortable there.

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1 Then the angel showed me the **river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, **flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb** 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is **the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit**, producing its fruit each month; and the **leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.** 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will **see his face**, and **his name will be on their foreheads.** 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for **the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.** *We can meditate on this symbolism and feel what it means to us.*

6 And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

7 “**See, I am coming soon!** Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; 9 but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!”

10 And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. 11 Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

12 “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to **repay according to everyone’s work.** 13 I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

14 Blessed are those who **wash their robes**, so that they will have the **right to the tree of life** and may enter the city by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the **bright morning star.**”

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “**Come.**”

And let everyone who hears say, “**Come.**”

And **let everyone who is thirsty come.**

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. *Such moving expressions of generosity.*

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; 19 if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. *(People make a really big deal of this, but it is really just an ancient copyright curse... “don’t change my writing when you copy it!”)*

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20 The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. **Come, Lord Jesus!** This also is meaningful to me, a very early Christian prayer, Marana Tha.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Additional Reading: Doctrine and Covenants 77; Bible Dictionary, “Revelation of John,” 762–63.

D&C 77

1 Q. What is the sea of glass spoken of by John, 4th chapter, and 6th verse of the Revelation?

A. It is the earth, in its sanctified, immortal, and eternal state.

2 Q. What are we to understand by the four beasts, spoken of in the same verse?

A. They are figurative expressions, used by the Revelator, John, in describing heaven, the paradise of God, the happiness of man, and of beasts, and of creeping things, and of the fowls of the air; that which is spiritual being in the likeness of that which is temporal; and that which is temporal in the likeness of that which is spiritual; the spirit of man in the likeness of his person, as also the spirit of the beast, and every other creature which God has created.

3 Q. Are the four beasts limited to individual beasts, or do they represent classes or orders?

A. They are limited to four individual beasts, which were shown to John, to represent the glory of the classes of beings in their destined order or sphere of creation, in the enjoyment of their eternal felicity.

4 Q. What are we to understand by the eyes and wings, which the beasts had?

A. Their eyes are a representation of light and knowledge, that is, they are full of knowledge; and their wings are a representation of power, to move, to act, etc.

5 Q. What are we to understand by the four and twenty elders, spoken of by John?

A. We are to understand that these elders whom John saw, were elders who had been faithful in the work of the ministry and were dead; who belonged to the seven churches, and were then in the paradise of God.

6 Q. What are we to understand by the book which John saw, which was sealed on the back with seven seals?

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A. We are to understand that it contains the revealed will, mysteries, and the works of God; the hidden things of his economy concerning this earth during the seven thousand years of its continuance, or its temporal existence.

7 Q. What are we to understand by the seven seals with which it was sealed?

A. We are to understand that the first seal contains the things of the first thousand years, and the second also of the second thousand years, and so on until the seventh.

8 Q. What are we to understand by the four angels, spoken of in the 7th chapter and 1st verse of Revelation?

A. We are to understand that they are four angels sent forth from God, to whom is given power over the four parts of the earth, to save life and to destroy; these are they who have the everlasting gospel to commit to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; having power to shut up the heavens, to seal up unto life, or to cast down to the regions of darkness.

9 Q. What are we to understand by the angel ascending from the east, Revelation 7th chapter and 2nd verse?

A. We are to understand that the angel ascending from the east is he to whom is given the seal of the living God over the twelve tribes of Israel; wherefore, he crieth unto the four angels having the everlasting gospel, saying: Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And, if you will receive it, this is Elias which was to come to gather together the tribes of Israel and restore all things.

10 Q. What time are the things spoken of in this chapter to be accomplished?

A. They are to be accomplished in the sixth thousand years, or the opening of the sixth seal.

11 Q. What are we to understand by sealing the one hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel—twelve thousand out of every tribe?

A. We are to understand that those who are sealed are high priests, ordained unto the holy order of God, to administer the everlasting gospel; for they are they who are ordained out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, by the angels to whom is given power over the nations of the earth, to bring as many as will come to the church of the Firstborn.

12 Q. What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets, mentioned in the 8th chapter of Revelation?

A. We are to understand that as God made the world in six days, and on the seventh day he finished his work, and sanctified it, and also formed man out of the dust of the earth, even so, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years will the Lord God sanctify the earth, and complete the salvation of man, and judge all things, and shall redeem all things, except that which he hath not put into his power, when he shall have sealed all things, unto the end of all things; and the sounding of

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the trumpets of the seven angels are the preparing and finishing of his work, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years—the preparing of the way before the time of his coming.

13 Q. When are the things to be accomplished, which are written in the 9th chapter of Revelation?

A. They are to be accomplished after the opening of the seventh seal, before the coming of Christ.

14 Q. What are we to understand by the little book which was eaten by John, as mentioned in the 10th chapter of Revelation?

A. We are to understand that it was a mission, and an ordinance, for him to gather the tribes of Israel; behold, this is Elias, who, as it is written, must come and restore all things.

15 Q. What is to be understood by the two witnesses, in the eleventh chapter of Revelation?

A. They are two prophets that are to be raised up to the Jewish nation in the last days, at the time of the restoration, and to prophesy to the Jews after they are gathered and have built the city of Jerusalem in the land of their fathers.

Revelation of John

Also known as the Apocalypse, a Greek word meaning revealed or uncovered. The message of Revelation is the same as that of all scripture: there will be an eventual triumph on this earth of God over the devil; a permanent victory of good over evil, of the Saints over their persecutors, of the kingdom of God over the kingdoms of men and of Satan. This is the subject on which Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Paul, Peter, and all the prophets have written. They spoke of a day of victory that would come, and that the end would be better (more glorious) than the beginning. The victory would be achieved through Jesus Christ.

Such is the theme of the Revelation. The details about the beasts, the wars, the angels, the men, etc., contribute to the development of this theme. By a little study, the theme can be perceived even if the details are not completely identified. It may be in this sense that the Prophet Joseph Smith said that Revelation was “one of the plainest books God ever caused to be written” (HC 5:342). However, the more fully the details are understood, the greater will be the appreciation of the theme. If we fail to catch a glimpse of the theme, we fail in our comprehension, no matter how many details we are able to understand.

Some Guidelines to Understanding:

The Revelation seems to be divided into two parts. The first, [Rev. 1–3](#), deals with things at the time the Revelation was given, and is addressed to branches of the Church in seven cities of Asia. Note [Rev. 1:3](#): “the time is at hand.” These three chapters show clearly that the Church in that day was rapidly going into apostasy. The second part, [Rev. 4–22](#), deals with things yet future for John, things that had not yet come to pass. It begins with John’s time and continues to the end of the world. Note

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[Rev. 4:1](#): “I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.” Accordingly, it offers a sort of panoramic view of events through the ages—of Apostasy, Restoration, Judgment, and Millennium.

Apostasy and Restoration. Apostasy and Restoration are relatively gradual events. Compare the setting and the rising of the sun. It does not become dark or light all at once (see [D&C 45:29](#)).

A guided tour. An interesting circumstance in the Revelation is that an angel comes to John and explains things to him—a sort of guided tour. This is consistent with the visions given to Nephi, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Enoch, who had similar guided tours. It appears to be a typical visionary experience.

- 1 Some Points of Doctrine:
- 2 A description of the resurrected and glorified Savior ([1:13–15](#)).
- 3 The importance of overcoming the world ([3:21](#); [21:7](#)).
- 4 The faithful are to be kings and priests unto God and will reign on the earth ([1:6](#); [5:10](#); [20:6](#); [21:7](#)).
- 5 Animals are resurrected from the dead, and there are animals in heaven, redeemed by the blood of Christ ([5:11–14](#); [D&C 77:3](#); HC 5:343).
- 6 Two prophets will lie dead in the streets of Jerusalem in the last days and then be raised ([11:1–11](#)).
- 7 The woman driven into the wilderness, and the man child ([Rev. 12](#)). The woman is the Church; the man child is the political kingdom of God growing out of the Church.
- 8 The angel with the everlasting gospel. This being is generally identified in the Church as the resurrected angel Moroni ([JS—H 1:33](#)) but may be representative of all the angels involved in the Restoration.
- 9 All people shall be judged by their works out of the books that are written both on earth and in heaven ([20:11–13](#); see [D&C 128:6–7](#)).
- 10 The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy ([19:10](#)).

The New Jerusalem, the city foursquare ([3:12](#); [21:1–22:7](#); see [Ether 13:2–10](#); [Moses 7:62–63](#)). The Revelation was received on the Lord’s day by John on the isle of Patmos ([Rev. 1:9–10](#)), off the coast of Asia, not far from Ephesus. The exact date is not known. The Book of Mormon confirms that the recipient was John, one of the Twelve ([1 Ne. 14:18–27](#); see [D&C 20:35](#); [77](#)).

Scripture Chain: [Revelation 3:20](#); [Revelation 7:13–17](#); [Revelation 21:3–7](#);
[Revelation 22:1–7](#); [Revelation 22:17](#)

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20 Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

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Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

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3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children

Revelation 22:1-7 NRSV

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the

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tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

6 And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

7 “See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book

Revelation 22:17 NRSV

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”
And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift
