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Introduction

The book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus Christ – that is, it is the Father's revelation given *through* Jesus Christ *about* Jesus Christ. In it, the Father uses vivid, larger-than-life visions to show us what He is doing through His glorious Son. The visions give us the big picture of God's actions past, present, and future. These visions seem less focused on relaying specific historical events and more focused on showing us a broad view of what God is doing. They relay history from a perspective that is wider and higher than any single historical incident can possibly capture.

The five-volume *Revelation* series in "Fresh Views of Timeless Truth" is designed to help us see and respond to the truths in this amazing, and sometimes intimidating, book. It is not a commentary, and thus it makes no attempt to explain every image, detail, and interpretation. Instead, it focuses on the major truths taught in Revelation and provides devotional resources to help us understand and respond to them.

With each passage of scripture you'll find:

- The scripture itself.
- A devotional reflection and/or prayer response based on some major truth in that passage.
- An original hymn that helps us respond to that truth with body, mind, and heart.
 The words and music of the hymn are provided, along with a link to that hymn's
 recording on our website, LNWhymns.com. Everything there is downloadable
 and free.

As with every word I write, this book is written with the purpose and deep desire that you be drawn to our magnificent Father. What a glorious, eternal destiny He has created for us in His Son, Jesus Christ!

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. (Ephesians 1:18-19, NASB)

--Ken Bible

Revelation 15:1-4

(NIV)

I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign:

seven angels with the seven last plagues —

last, because with them God's wrath is completed.

And I saw what looked like

a sea of glass glowing with fire and,

standing beside the sea,

those who had been victorious

over the beast and

its image and

over the number of its name.

They held harps given them by God

and sang the song of

God's servant Moses and of

the Lamb:

"Great and marvelous are your deeds,

Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways,

King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord,

and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship before you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed."

Tell Your Story

Reflection on Revelation 15:1-4

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Like all of God's children,
we each have our own stories to tell,
amazing stories about
      God's deliverance,
      God's grace,
      God's faithfulness.
Though all our stories express the same truth,
      each is unique.
Our backgrounds,
our life situations,
our sins and struggles
      are highly varied.
Yet together,
they form a vast and stunning mosaic of the one
      glorious,
      gracious,
      unchanging God.
Only together,
      as we each tell our own story,
can we truly and fully proclaim the God who is
      always Almighty,
      always loving,
      always wise,
      always faithful,
      always merciful,
      always forgiving,
      always sufficient for every need,
      always true,
      always just, and
      always,
      always,
      always good.
Join the symphony!
We are incomplete without you!
Praise our God as only you can!
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Tell your story!

Hymn recording: We Look Behind at All You've Done

We Look Behind at All You've Done

TUNE: All Creatures of Our God and King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)



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MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Revelation 15:5-8

(NRSV)

After this I looked, and
the temple of the tent of witness in heaven was opened,
and out of the temple came
the seven angels with
the seven plagues,
robed in pure bright linen,
with golden sashes across their chests.

Then one of the four living creatures gave
the seven angels
seven golden bowls
full of the wrath of God,
who lives forever and ever;
and the temple was filled with smoke
from the glory of God and
from his power,
and no one could enter the temple until
the seven plagues of
the seven angels
were ended.

Your Wrath Against Sin

Prayer Response to Revelation 15:5-8

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total, and
      irreconcilable.
You are eternally, unalterably opposed to
anything that
      harms Your dearly-loved children or
      separates them from You.
Your wrath against sin is not
      a temper tantrum or
      a passing mood.
It is a fierce,
      holy,
      burning,
      almighty love
that refuses to accept anything but
our very best in You, our
      fullness and
      completeness and
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Father, Your wrath against sin is

deep,

Our freedom from sin is precious to You.

You bought it

with Your Son

unbounded joy.

and paid for it

with His life.

Thank You, loving Father,

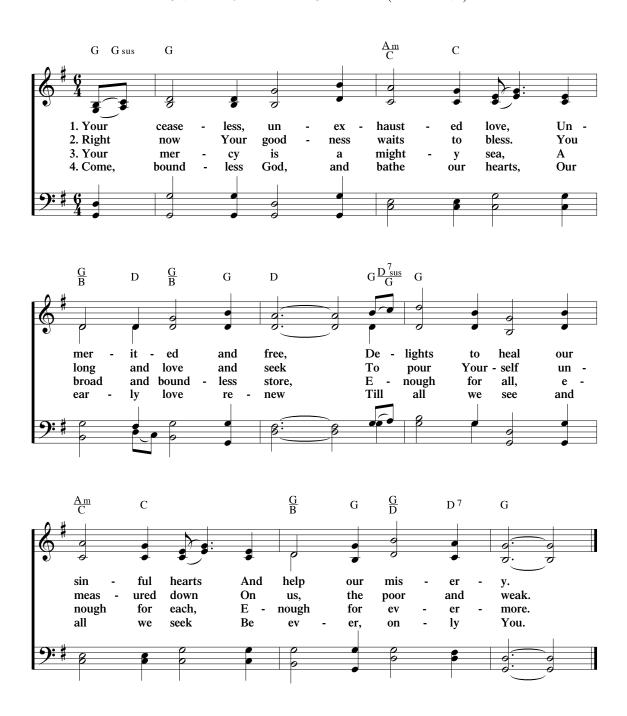
for Your uncompromising wrath against sin.

You deliver us completely from its awful curse.

Praise to You!

Hymn recording: <u>Your Ceaseless, Unexhausted Love</u>

Your Ceaseless, Unexhausted Love TUNE: Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone? (MAITLAND)



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Revelation 16

(NASB)

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels,

"Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth;

and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.

Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood.

And I heard the angel of the waters saying,

"Righteous are You, who are and

who were,

O Holy One,

because You judged these things;

for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink.

They deserve it."

And I heard the altar saying,

"Yes, O Lord God,

the Almighty,

true and righteous are Your judgments."

The fourth angel poured out his bowl
upon the sun,
and it was given to it to scorch men with fire.
Men were scorched with fierce heat;
and they blasphemed the name of God
who has the power over these plagues,

and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs,

which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

("Behold, I am coming like a thief.

Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes,
so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.")

And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying,

"It is done."

And there were

flashes of lightning and

sounds and

peals of thunder;

and there was a great earthquake,

such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth,

so great an earthquake was it, and

so mighty.

The great city was split into three parts,

and the cities of the nations fell.

Babylon the great was remembered before God,

to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

And every island fled away, and

the mountains were not found.

And huge hailstones,

about one hundred pounds each,

came down from heaven upon men;

and men blasphemed God

because of the plague of the hail,

because its plague was extremely severe.

Now Is the Time

Reflection on Revelation 16

As the Lord delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the Lord will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you...You shall find no rest...the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul. (Deuteronomy 28:63-65, NASB)

We live in a day of grace.

The Father is patient,

tirelessly reaching out,

eager to draw everyone back to Himself.

Believers and unbelievers alike live in a world where,

even in its corrupt state,

we are bathed in God's

power,

wisdom, and

ever-present goodness.

But this day of grace will not last forever.

Soon all these gifts and graces that we

ungratefully,

arrogantly

take for granted

will be gone.

When that day arrives,

the unrepentant will be stubbornly blocking God's path to the

the pure and beautiful world He has promised.

They will be standing between

the God of fierce love and

the eternal welfare of His children.

They will have sealed their own fate.

By ignoring God, they will have sided with His enemy,

the one who hates God and

all who are His.

the one God has sworn to destroy.

The day of mercy will have passed.

The day of judgment will have come.

God will do what He must do:

He will show Himself holy.

He will show Himself just.

He will keep His promise to purify His world.

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Those who have clung to their sin,
who have distanced themselves from Him,
      will be given what they have freely chosen.
They will be left outside,
      away from the only Source of all
             light and
             love and
             goodness.
All that will be left for them is
      pain,
      darkness,
      gnawing hatred, and
      deep,
      complete,
      unrelenting need.
Now is the time for repentance.
Now is the day of salvation.
Now is the time to
      choose Him.
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Hymn recording: Mighty Day

Mighty Day

Matthew 25; Luke 12:12-27; Romans 2:5-12; 1 Corinthians 3:8; 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 10:26-31; 1 Peter 1:17; Revelation 1:7; 6:12-17; 20:11-15 = 92 $A \stackrel{A}{=} A$ D_{m} D_{m} A D_{m} $D_{\,m}$ blood, 1. When the heav - ens roll and trem-ble, When the moon has turned to When 2. Can you hear the wail - ing, Can you hear the shouts of praise When peo - ples 3. Keep your heart all tuned and read - y! \mathbf{o} be faith - ful to the end! Your $\underline{\underline{D_m}}$ $\tfrac{G\,m}{A}$ $G\,{\rm m}^9$ $D_{\,m}$ $G_{\,m}$ A^7 A+ D_{m} mus-ic has fall - en si - lent, Lord, And fear comes like a flood, e - ter - nal ev - 'ry - one sees truth Too late to change their ways? speak your name: "Well done! Come en - ter in!" Fa - ther will smile and Refrain $\frac{\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{A}}$ <u>G</u>m E $\tfrac{G\, m}{E}$ $G m^7$ В $G_{\,m}$ $D_{\,m}$ Won't it be a Won't it be a might-y day! sol-emn day! Won't it be a $\tfrac{G\,m}{A}$ $\frac{G\,{\tt m}}{E}$ $\frac{D\,m}{A}$ A 7 G_{m} D_{m} B♭M⁷ D_{m} ful, end - less morn - ing, Lord, When we You face to face! joy see

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MIGHTY DAY

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Stay Ready

Reflection on Revelation 16

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9, NASB)

Our loving God is so patient.

He seems to

delay and

delay and

delay His return,

anxious for all to repent and come to Him.

But our patient God will not delay forever.

He warns us that after delays that seem endless,

the end will come suddenly.

The God who has waited for so long will move

quickly and decisively.

That is His way.

He will come unexpectedly,

like a thief in the night.

Turn to Him

now.

Give yourself completely to Him

now.

Whatever good you know to do,

do it now.

The only way to be ready for

that unknown day and hour is to

stay ready.

Stay busy at your assigned task.

Stay faithful.

Keep your hopes and desires focused on

Him alone.

Hymn recording: Christ Is Coming! Lift Your Eyes!

Christ Is Coming! Lift Your Eyes!

TUNE: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR) Isaiah 40:3-5, 9-10; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:1-6; Mark 1:1-5; Luke 3:1-6



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Revelation 17:1-6

(NIV)

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me,

"Come, I will show you

the punishment of the great prostitute,

who sits by many waters.

With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries."

Then the angel carried me away

in the Spirit

into a wilderness.

There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast

that was covered with blasphemous names and

had seven heads and

ten horns.

The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with

gold,

precious stones and

pearls.

She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with

abominable things and

the filth of her adulteries.

The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH

I saw that the woman was drunk with

the blood of God's holy people,

the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.

Evil's False Face

Prayer Response to Revelation 17:1-6

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Temptation comes
      appearing to be alluring beauty,
      pretending to provide something good,
      offering pleasant and harmless stimulation.
But Father, help me to see evil for what it
really is and
always is:
      destructive,
      ugly,
      cruel,
      corrupt, and
      deadly.
Its appeal is a pretense,
      always shallow and
      always a lie.
It is unable to give anything
      good or
      lasting.
It is impotent,
      unwise,
      unbeautiful, and
       unloving.
The tempter is a sworn enemy of all that is good.
His purpose is always to
      steal,
      kill, and
      destroy (John 10:10).
Following him always leads to
      disappointment and
      failure.
But Father, I cannot handle temptation on my own.
When it comes, help me to immediately
      turn to You and
      trust You to deliver me.
And when I fail,
       help me to repent immediately,
knowing that You are always eager to
      forgive and
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restore completely.

You are good, Father, and Your love endures forever!

Hymn recording: Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

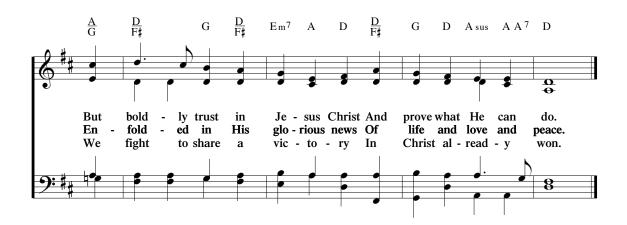
TUNE: Crown Him with Many Crowns (DIADEMATA)

Ephesians 6:10-17



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Revelation 17:7-18

(NRSV)

But the angel said to me,

"Why are you so amazed?

I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and

of the beast with seven heads and ten horns that carries her.

The beast that you saw was, and

is not, and

is about to ascend from the bottomless pit and go to destruction.

And the inhabitants of the earth,

whose names have not been written in the book of life

from the foundation of the world.

will be amazed when they see the beast,

because it was and

is not and

is to come.

"This calls for a mind that has wisdom:

the seven heads are seven mountains

on which the woman is seated:

also, they are seven kings,

of whom five have fallen,

one is living, and

the other has not yet come;

and when he comes,

he must remain only a little while.

As for the beast that was and is not.

it is an eighth

but it belongs to the seven, and

it goes to destruction.

And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings

who have not yet received a kingdom,

but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour,

together with the beast.

These are united in yielding their power and authority

to the beast:

they will make war on the Lamb, and

the Lamb will conquer them,

for he is Lord of lords and

King of kings, and

those with him are

called and chosen and faithful."

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And he said to me,

"The waters that you saw,
where the whore is seated,
are

peoples and
multitudes and
nations and
languages.

And the ten horns that you saw,
they and the beast will hate the whore;
they will make her desolate and naked;
they will devour her flesh and
burn her up with fire.
For God has put it into their hearts to
carry out his purpose by
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The woman you saw is

the great city

that rules over the kings of the earth."

until the words of God will be fulfilled.

agreeing to give their kingdom to the beast,

Evil's False Power

Reflection on Revelation 17:7-18

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Just as the appeal of evil is a lie,
       so its power is a lie.
All reality has only
       one Master,
       one Creator,
       one King.
Evil is built on
       a truth,
       a world,
       a good,
       a reality
outside of God, and
       no such reality exists.
       No such good exists.
Evil is self-deceived, and
       in the end,
       it will self-destruct.
It will unwittingly serve the purposes of
       the one Master,
       the one Creator.
Outside of Him, everything is only
       a lie,
       a shadow,
       a false hope,
       without substance,
       emptiness,
       nothingness.
All truth,
       all good,
       all power
is in God alone.
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Hymn recording: **Great Lord of All Reality**

Great Lord of All Reality

TUNE: KINGSFOLD

Psalm 90:1-6; John 14:6; Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27

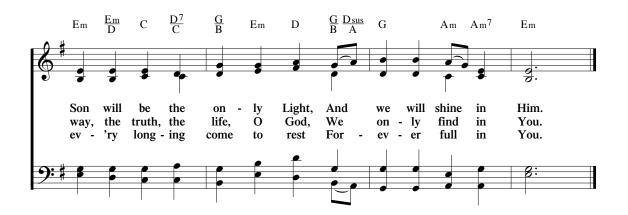


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Revelation 18:1-8

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After these things I saw another angel
coming down from heaven,
having great authority,
and the earth was illumined with his glory.

And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying,
"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!
She has become a dwelling place of demons and
a prison of every unclean spirit, and
a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

For all the nations have drunk of the wine of
the passion of her immorality,
and the kings of the earth
have committed acts of immorality with her,
and the merchants of the earth
have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

I heard another voice from heaven, saying,

"Come out of her, my people,

so that you will not participate in her sins and

receive of her plagues;

for her sins have piled up

as high as heaven, and

God has remembered her iniquities.

Pay her back even as she has paid, and

give back to her double according to her deeds;

in the cup which she has mixed,

mix twice as much for her.

To the degree that she glorified herself and

lived sensuously,

to the same degree give her torment and mourning;

for she says in her heart,

'I sit as a queen and

I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.'

For this reason in one day her plagues will come,

pestilence and

mourning and

famine,

and she will be burned up with fire;

for the Lord God who judges her is strong."

Children of This Age

Reflection on Revelation 18:1-8 See also Matthew 5:3-12

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See a picture of the people who displease God,
the children of Satan,
the people whom God will destroy.

See them
glorifying self,
serving self,
lusting for comfort and luxury,
clinging to this world,
seeking their meaning and security in this world,
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self-centered, self-assured,

self-sufficient.

See a picture of the people whom God blesses,

the people who will rule the earth forever, the people who will inherit all His eternal riches.

Hear Jesus describe them.

They don't grasp for earthly possessions, but are

poor in spirit,

meek and gentle.

They mourn what God mourns and are

hungry to be like Him.

They are merciful, and

they make peace.

They joyfully follow Christ, even when it brings persecution.

Such people are not children of this age,

doomed to pass away.

They are children of the living, everlasting God,

His heirs,

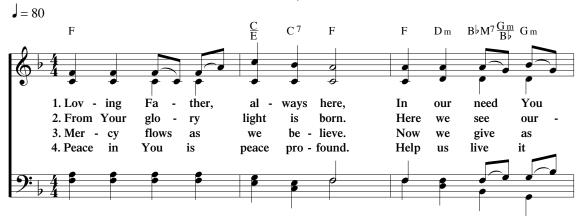
His treasure.

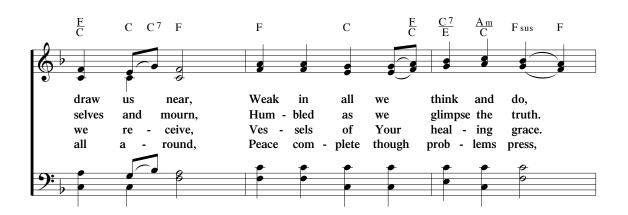
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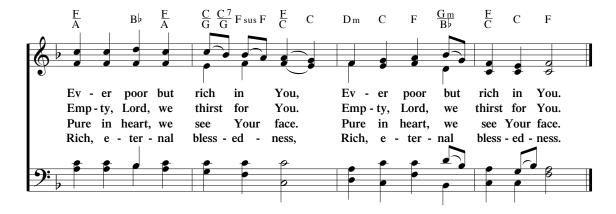
Beatitudes Hymn

TUNE: Take My Life, and Let It Be (HENDON)

Matthew 5:3-12; Luke 6:20-26







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Revelation 18:9-24

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"When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and
      shared her luxury
see the smoke of her burning,
      they will weep and mourn over her.
Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:
"'Woe! Woe to you, great city,
      you mighty city of Babylon!
In one hour your doom has come!'
"The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her
because no one buys their cargoes anymore - cargoes of
      gold,
      silver,
      precious stones and
      pearls;
      fine linen,
      purple,
      silk and
      scarlet cloth;
      every sort of citron wood, and
      articles of every kind made of
             ivory,
             costly wood,
             bronze,
             iron and
             marble;
      cargoes of cinnamon and
      spice,
      of incense,
      myrrh and
      frankincense,
      of wine and
      olive oil,
      of fine flour and
      wheat:
      cattle and
      sheep;
      horses and
      carriages; and
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human beings sold as slaves.

"They will say,

'The fruit you longed for is gone from you.

All your luxury and splendor have vanished,
never to be recovered.'

The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off,

terrified at her torment.

They will weep and mourn and cry out:

"Woe! Woe to you, great city,
dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,
and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!
In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!"

"Every sea captain, and
all who travel by ship,
the sailors, and
all who earn their living from the sea,
will stand far off.
When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim,
'Was there ever a city like this great city?'
They will throw dust on their heads, and
with weeping and mourning cry out:

"Woe! Woe to you, great city,
where all who had ships on the sea
became rich through her wealth!
In one hour she has been brought to ruin!"

"Rejoice over her, you heavens!
Rejoice, you people of God!
Rejoice, apostles and prophets!
For God has judged her
with the judgment she imposed on you."

Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said:

"With such violence

the great city of Babylon will be thrown down,

never to be found again.

The music of harpists and musicians,

pipers and trumpeters,

will never be heard in you again.

No worker of any trade

will ever be found in you again.

The sound of a millstone

will never be heard in you again.

The light of a lamp

will never shine in you again.

The voice of bridegroom and bride

will never be heard in you again.

Your merchants were the world's important people.

By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

In her was found the blood

of prophets and

of God's holy people,

of all who have been slaughtered on the earth."

What Will Matter Then?

Reflection on Revelation 18:9-24

It's easy to become infected by the values of this world:

- The signature of a famous person is worth thousands.
- A vase is worth a year's salary.
- A single painting is worth \$100,000,000 or more.
- For the applause of people, many will gladly invest an entire life.

But when the world is on fire, how much will they be worth? When you are drawing your final breaths, what will matter then?

Those who have disposed of
the belongings of a departed loved know that
the physical goods they leave behind,
belongings they may have treasured,
are now just stuff.
Getting rid of it is a chore, a burden.

The Bible mocks those who worship false gods: False gods can't carry us. We have to carry them.

Trust,
love, and
serve
the God who will
carry you.

Hymn recording: The Rich Young Ruler

The Rich Young Ruler



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Revelation 19:1-6

(NRSV)

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,
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."

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."

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,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."

You Are Good

Prayer Response to Revelation 19:1-6

Father, we join the song of all the saints of all the ages: You are right and good, and everything You do is right and good.

You are good when You bless and good when You punish.
You are good when You give and good when You take away.
You are good when life is bathed in light and good when all is darkness.

You are good when we understand You and good when our minds and hearts are too small. You are good in our abundance and good in our need.

You are good when we laugh and good when grief overwhelms us.

Father, through every season in every situation,
You are good.
You are good, and
Your love endures forever.

Hymn recording: You Are Good

You Are Good

Psalm 107:1, 8-9, 21-22, 31-32; 148:13



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Revelation 19:7-10

(NASB)

"Let us rejoice and

be glad and

give the glory to Him,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come and

His bride has made herself ready."

It was given to her to clothe herself

in fine linen, bright and clean;

for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Then he said to me,

"Write,

'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

And he said to me,

"These are true words of God."

Then I fell at his feet to worship him.

But he said to me,

"Do not do that;

I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren

who hold the testimony of Jesus;

worship God.

For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Our Wedding Day Is Near

Reflection on Revelation 19:7-10

No matter what our current situation, our future is bright in Jesus Christ.

We are engaged to the sovereign Lord of all that is.

He loves us and

always will.

He has given Himself to us completely, with

all He is and

all He has.

In Him, our future is

love, rich and all-encompassing.

Our future is

deep and total fulfillment.

Our future is

joy and

belonging.

Our future is

unbroken union with the Source of all

wisdom and

goodness.

We are destined to become creatures

more radiant.

more marvelous

than anyone could ever imagine.

Together, we will be the Bride of the Creator,

lovely,

pure,

highly honored, and

magnificent in all His glory.

All the universe will celebrate our eternal joining.

The Father, Son, and Spirit are preparing us even now.

As our wedding day approaches,

let us keep ourselves pure.

Let us give ourselves to our Bridegroom alone.

Hymn recording: See Christ, Your Bridegroom

See Christ, Your Bridegroom

TUNE: Thine Be the Glory (alt.)

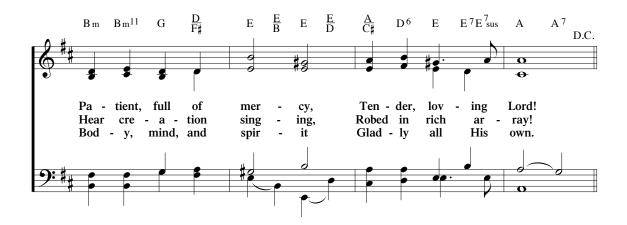
Psalm 45; 2 Corinthians 11:2-3; Ephesians 5:25-27



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Revelation 19:11-16

(NIV)

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and

on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

This Is Our Champion

Reflection on Revelation 19:11-16

See Jesus Christ for all He is. He is more than a baby in a manger. He is more than a gentle healer and teacher.

He is a Mighty Warrior who leads all the forces of Sovereign God against the armies of evil.

His enemies are

many, vicious, and determined.

He not only teaches and heals.

He judges and wages war.

He is no longer clothed like a peasant.

He is a great conqueror

who wears a robe dipped in the blood of His enemies.

His name is still Prince of Peace,

but it is also King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

He carries not only a shepherd's staff

but a rod of iron to shatter any who oppose Him.

He rides a white horse.

His eyes are a flame of fire.

On His head are many crowns, and

He treads the wine press of

the fierce wrath of Almighty God.

He is Yahweh Sabaoth,

Lord of all the armies of heaven.

From His mouth comes a sharp, double-edged sword:

the eternal truth and

sovereign authority of the One High God.

With it He will make a slaughter of the enemies of

truth,

love, and

justice.

Satan and all His followers are arrayed against us.

But this is our Savior!

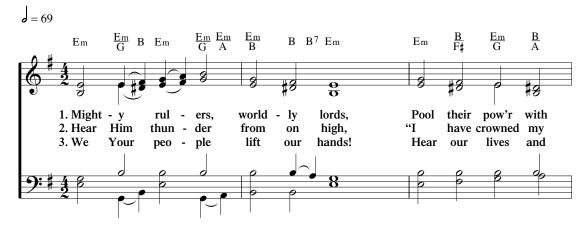
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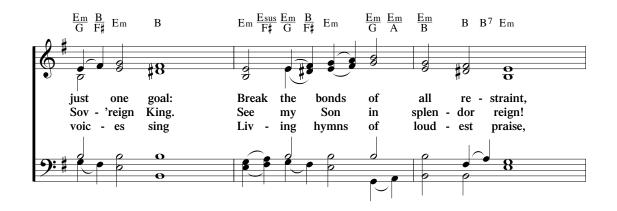
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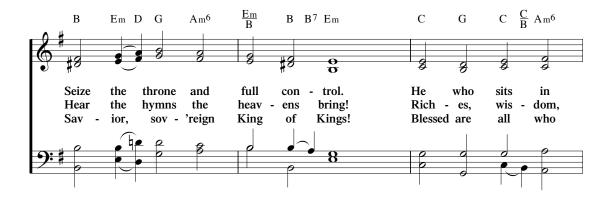
Hymn recording: Psalm 2

Psalm 2

TUNE: Jesus, Lover of My Soul (ABERYSTWYTH)







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Revelation 19:17-21

(NRSV)

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, 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."

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.
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.

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.

In the End

Reflection on Revelation 19:17-21

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In the end,
the rage of hatred will be swept aside by
joyful, self-giving love.
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All that is false will vanish completely in the beautiful, blazing light of the truth.

Evil will be crushed under the full weight of all that God is.

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In this wicked world,
the slaughter of all wickedness will be
vast,
profound, and
sobering.
Its end will be
total,
final, and
forever.
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Those who have separated themselves from

the Source of all good

will be left as

empty shells,

fit only for consuming flames.

All that is not of God will be

burned away.

All that remains will glow with

the radiant reality of

His immediate, glorious presence.

Hymn recording: **God Will Be Exalted**

God Will Be Exalted



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