

Second Ascent

John, who bareth testimony to the Word of God

and to the testimony of Jesus Christ,

of all that he saw:

And in the midst of the seven lampstands *was* one like the Son of man,

clothed with a garment down to the foot,

and girded about the loins with a golden sash.

And to the Messenger of the Assembly in Smyrna write:

Thus saith the First and the Last, He Who was dead and is alive.

I know thy tribulation and poverty,

though thou art rich,

and the blasphemy of those professing themselves to be Jews,

though they are nought but the synagogue of Satan.

Fear not what thou art about to suffer.

Behold, the Diabolos is about to throw some of you into prison,

that ye might be tested, and ye shall have ten days of tribulation.

Be faithful unto death, and I will bestow upon thee the Crown of Life.

Whosoever hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Assemblies.

Whosoever overcometh shall not be hurt by the second death.

II.

**And the One sitting had the appearance like unto a stone,
jasper and sardius.**

**And *there was* a rainbow around the Throne,
which had the appearance of an emerald.**

**And I was weeping loudly,
for no one was to be found worthy to open the Book,
or to see it.**

And as He was opening the second Seal,
I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
And there went forth another horse *that was* red;
and it was bestowed unto Him that sat thereon
to take peace from the earth,
and that they should slay one another;
and He was granted a great sword.

III.

And I saw another Angel,

ascending from the East,

holding the Seal of the living God.

And He crieth out with a loud voice to the four Angels,

to Whom it had been granted to wound the earth and the sea, saying,

Do not let harm come to the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees,

until We have sealed the servants of our God, upon their foreheads.

And the second Angel blew the Trumpet,

and as it were a great mountain,

burning with fire,

was cast into the sea.

And a third part of the sea became blood,

and a third of the creatures living within the sea died,

and a third of the ships were destroyed.

IV.

**And He crieth out with a loud voice as a lion roareth.
And when He cried out, the voice of the seven thunders sounded.
And when the seven thunders sounded their voices,
I was about to write.
But I heard a voice from heaven saying,
Seal up what the seven thunders sounded,
and do not write them.**

And the courtyard that is beyond the temple, leave out, and do not measure it, for it is given unto the nations,
and they shall trample upon the Holy City forty and two months.

And she, being with child, cried out in travail, and was in pain during delivery.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard,
and his feet were as the feet of a bear,
and his mouth as the mouth of a lion.

And the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.

And one of his heads was fatally wounded.

But his fatal wound was healed, and all the earth *followed* after the beast in amazement.

And another angel followed, saying, Fallen, Babylon the Great hath fallen,
because she made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her infidelity.

V.

**And I saw a sea as glass mingled with fire,
and them that had won the victory over the beast,
and over his image,
and over the number of his name,
standing upon the sea of glass,
having the harps of God.
in their hands.**

And the second *Angel* poured out His ampul upon the sea, and it became blood, as of a corpse;
and every living soul in the sea died.

And He carried me away into the wilderness through the Spirit,
and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet *colored* beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.

And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls,
holding a golden cup in her hand, full of abominations and the filthiness of her infidelity.

And there was a name written upon her forehead, a mystery:
BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the Saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

And as I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

VI.

And He cried mightily with a strong voice, saying,

Fallen, Babylon the Great hath fallen!

And hath become the habitation of demons,

and a prison for every unclean spirit,

and a cage for every unclean bird,

and a prison for every unclean

and despised creature.

VII.

**And I heard a voice as a great multitude,
and as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying,**

Alleluia! For our Lord God, the Almighty, reigneth.

**Let us be glad and rejoice, and confer the glory unto Him,
for the marriage of the Lamb hath come, and His bride hath made herself ready.**

And it was bestowed upon her to be arrayed in bright, pure fine linen.

For the fine linen is the righteousness of the Saints.

And I saw Thrones, and those sitting upon them, and *the power of judgment* was granted unto them,
and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the Testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God,

and *I saw* those who had not worshipped the beast,
nor his image, nor received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands.

And they liveth and reigneth with Christ for a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead do not live again until the thousand years are fulfilled.

This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is the one who taketh part in the first resurrection!

Upon such a one the second death hath no power,
but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him for a thousand years.

And I heard a great voice from the Throne, saying,
Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with Adam, and He will tabernacle with them,
and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.
And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be more, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain;
these will be no more, for the former things hath passed away.

And there shall be no more curse.

And the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be within it, and His devotees shall serve Him.