

THE CONVERSION OF THE NATIONS- PART 2

Early Hearings of the Letter from Patmos (Handout 1)

Revelation 6

Revelation 6.12-17—I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a GREAT EARTHQUAKE. The SUN TURNED BLACK LIKE SACK-CLOTH MADE OF GOAT HAIR, THE WHOLE MOON TURNED BLOOD RED, AND THE STARS IN THE SKY FELL TO EARTH, AS FIGS DROP FROM A FIG TREE WHEN SHAKEN BY A STRONG WIND. The SKY RECEDED LIKE A SCROLL, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then THE KINGS OF THE EARTH, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “FALL ON US AND HIDE US from the FACE of him who sits on the THRONE and from the WRATH of the LAMB! For the great DAY OF THEIR WRATH has come, and who can withstand it?”

Hosea 10.8—The high places of wickedness will be destroyed—it is the sin of Israel. Thorns and thistles will grow up and cover their altars. Then they will say to the mountains, “Cover us!” and to the hills, “Fall on us!”

Psalms 2—Why do THE NATIONS conspire and the peoples plot in vain? THE KINGS OF THE EARTH rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on ZION, MY HOLY MOUNTAIN.” I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make THE NATIONS your INHERITANCE, the ENDS OF THE EARTH your POSSESSION. You will break them with a rod of iron ; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with FEAR and CELEBRATE HIS RULE with TREMBLING. Kiss his son, or he will BE ANGRY AND YOU AND YOUR WAYS WILL BE DESTROYED, for his WRATH can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Revelation 1.5—And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and THE RULER OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

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Isaiah 49.7-16—This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by THE NATIONS, to the servant of rulers: “KINGS WILL SEE YOU AND STAND UP, PRINCES WILL SEE AND BOW DOWN, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” This is what the LORD says: “In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, ‘Come out,’ and to those in darkness, ‘Be free!’ “They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill. THEY WILL NEITHER HUNGER NOR THIRST, NOR WILL THE DESERT HEAT OR THE SUN BEAT DOWN ON THEM. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water. I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up. See, THEY WILL COME FROM AFAR—some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan. ” Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones . . . This is what the Sovereign LORD says: “See, I will beckon to the nations, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their hips. KINGS WILL BE YOUR FOSTER FATHERS, AND THEIR QUEENS YOUR NURSING MOTHERS. THEY WILL BOW DOWN BEFORE YOU WITH THEIR FACES TO THE GROUND; THEY WILL LICK THE DUST AT YOUR FEET. Then you will know that I am the LORD; those who hope in me will not be disappointed.” . . .

Isaiah 2.3-4—Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. NATION WILL NOT TAKE UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NOR WILL THEY TRAIN FOR WAR ANYMORE.

Isaiah 60.1-3—Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. NATIONS shall come to your light, and KINGS to the brightness of your dawn.

Revelation 17.18—The woman you saw is THE GREAT CITY THAT RULES OVER THE KINGS OF THE EARTH

Revelation 11.18—THE NATIONS raged, but your WRATH has come, and the time for VINDICATING the dead . . .

Revelation 16.14—These are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to THE KINGS OF THE WHOLE WORLD, to assemble them for BATTLE on the great day of God the Almighty.

Revelation 19.15—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.

Revelation 19.19—Then I saw the beast and THE KINGS OF THE EARTH and their armies gathered together to make WAR against the rider on the horse and his army.

Psalms 2.8-9—Ask of me, and I will make THE NATIONS your HERITAGE, and the ends of the earth YOUR POSSESSION. You shall break them with A ROD OF IRON . . .

Revelation 12.5—And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to RULE ALL THE NATIONS WITH A ROD OF IRON.

Revelation 19.19—Then I saw the beast and THE KINGS OF THE EARTH and their armies gathered together to make WAR against the rider on the horse and his army.

Revelation 21.24—THE NATIONS will walk by its light, and THE KINGS OF THE EARTH will bring their splendor into it.

Daniel 7.14—He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; ALL PEOPLES and NATIONS of every LANGUAGE WORSHIPED HIM. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Revelation 1.5—And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and THE RULER OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by HIS OWN blood.

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War Numbers (Numbers; Judges; Samuel; Chronicles), War Scroll & the War of the Lamb

“Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon, which cuts without wounding and ennoble the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals.”—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Revelation 14

Revelation 14.1—Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on MOUNT ZION [PSALMS 2], and with him 144,000 who had HIS NAME AND HIS FATHER’S NAME WRITTEN ON THEIR FOREHEADS. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a NEW SONG [PSALMS 96 & 98] before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They FOLLOW THE LAMB WHEREVER HE GOES. They were purchased from among the human race and offered as FIRSTFRUITS to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

Leviticus 23.9-14—The LORD spoke to Moses: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest . . .

Romans 16.5—Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert [firstfruits] to Christ in the province of Asia.

1Corinthians 16.15—You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts [first fruits] in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord’s people.

1Corinthians 15.20—But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Romans 11.16—If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Revelation 19.15—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.

Harvest (Grain Imagery)

Revelation 14.14-16—Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the SON OF MAN, with a golden CROWN on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel

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Antecedent of Wine Press:

Joel 3.13—Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the wine press is full . . .

Isaiah 63.1-6—Who is this that comes from Edom, from Bozrah in garments stained crimson? Who is this so splendidly robed, marching in his great might? “It is I, announcing vindication, mighty to save.” “Why are your robes red, and your garments like theirs who tread the wine press?” “I have trodden the wine press ALONE, and from the peoples NO ONE WAS WITH ME; I trod them in my wrath and trampled them in my wrath; their juice spattered on my garments, and stained all my robes. For the day of VENGEANCE was in my heart, and the year for my REDEEMING WORK had come. I looked, but there was NO HELPER; I stared, but there was NO ONE TO SUSTAIN ME; so my own arm brought me VICTORY, and my wrath sustained me. I trampled down peoples in my wrath, I crushed them in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

Battle:

Joel 3.2—I will gather ALL NATIONS and bring them down to the VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.

Joel 3.12-15—Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the VALLEY OF JEHOSHAPHAT, for there I will sit to JUDGE ALL THE NATIONS ON EVERY SIDE. Swing the SICKLE, for the HARVEST IS RIPE. Come, TRAMPLE THE GRAPES, for THE WINEPRESS IS FULL and the vats overflow . . . Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the DAY OF THE LORD is near in the valley of decision . . . The SUN AND MOON WILL BE DARKENED, and the STARS NO LONGER SHINE.

came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, “Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH IS FULLY RIPE.” So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and THE EARTH WAS REAPED.

Antecedent of the Grain Harvest:

Revelation 14.4—They [the 144,00] have been redeemed from humankind as FIRST FRUITS for God and the Lamb . . .

Harvest (Wine Imagery)

Revelation 14.17-20—Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had CHARGE OF THE FIRE, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because the VINTAGE OF THE EARTH is RIPE.” The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of GOD’S WRATH [the WRATH of the LAMB]. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood/Juice [Juice of the Grape] flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

Antecedent of the Vintage Harvest:

Exodus 22.29—You shall not delay to make offerings [firstfruits] from the fullness of your harvest AND from the outflow of your presses.

Revelation 14.8—A second angel followed and said, “ ‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,’ which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”

Revelation 11.18—THE NATIONS raged, but your WRATH has come . . .

Revelation 16.14—These are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to THE KINGS OF THE WHOLE WORLD, to assemble them for BATTLE on the great day of God the Almighty.

Revelation 19.15—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.

Revelation 13.10 & 14.12—This calls for patient endurance of the saints . . .



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Revelation 18.9-10—And THE KINGS OF THE EARTH, who committed fornication and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning; they will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas, alas, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.”

Revelation 18.11-16—And THE MERCHANTS OF THE EARTH weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, cargo of gold, silver, jewels and pearls, fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet, all kinds of scented wood, all articles of ivory, all articles of costly wood, bronze, iron, and marble, cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, choice flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, slaves— HUMAN LIVES. “The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your dainties and your splendor are lost to you, never to be found again!” The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud, “Alas, alas, the great city, clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls! For in one hour all this wealth has been laid waste!”

Revelation 18.17-19—And ALL SHIPMASTERS AND SEAFARERS, SAILORS AND ALL WHOSE TRADE IS ON THE SEA, stood far off and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, “What city was like the GREAT CITY?” And they threw dust on their heads, as they wept and mourned, crying out, “Alas, alas, the great city, where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth! For in one hour she has been laid waste.

Revelation 18.20—Rejoice over her, O heaven, you saints and apostles and prophets! For God has given judgment for you against her.” Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “With such violence Babylon THE GREAT CITY will be thrown down, and will be found no more; and the sound of harpists and minstrels and of flutists and trumpeters will be heard in you no more; and an artisan of any trade will be found in you no more; and the sound of the millstone will be heard in you no more; and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more; and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more; for your MERCHANTS were the MAGNATES of the earth, and ALL NATIONS were deceived by your sorcery. And in you was found THE BLOOD OF PROPHETS AND OF SAINTS, and of ALL who have been slaughtered on earth.”

Revelation 19

Revelation 19.1-10—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 vindicated on her the blood of his servants.” 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!” 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. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of THE LAMB has come, and his bride has made herself ready; 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. And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of THE LAMB.”

Revelation 19.11-21—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. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems [crowns]; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in A ROBE DIPPED IN BLOOD, and his name is called The Word of God. And the ARMIES OF HEAVEN, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. FROM HIS MOUTH comes a sharp SWORD with which to STRIKE DOWN THE NATIONS, and he will REIGN OVER THEM with iron SCEPTER [rather than rod]; he will TREAD THE WINE PRESS OF THE FURY OF THE WRATH OF GOD THE ALMIGHTY. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, “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

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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.

Ezekiel 39.17-20—As for you, mortal, thus says the Lord GOD: Speak to the birds of every kind and to all the wild animals: Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood. You 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 bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan. You shall eat fat until you are filled, and drink blood until you are drunk, at the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you. And you shall be filled at my table with horses and charioteers, with warriors and all kinds of soldiers, says the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 32.4—I will throw you on the ground, on the open field I will fling you, and will cause all the **birds** of the air to **settle** on you, and I will let the **wild animals** of the whole earth **gorge** themselves with you.

Psalms 2.8-9—Ask of me, and I will make THE NATIONS your HERITAGE, and the ends of the earth YOUR POSSESSION. You shall break them with
A ROD OF IRON . . .

Justice:

Psalms 98.9— [New Song] He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Psalms 96.10— [New Song] Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.” The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will govern the peoples with equity.

Psalms 45.3-6—Gird your SWORD on your side, you mighty one; clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. In your majesty RIDE FORTH VICTORIOUSLY in the cause of TRUTH, HUMILITY and JUSTICE; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds. Let your sharp arrows PIERCE THE HEARTS OF THE KING’S ENEMIES; let the NATIONS FALL BENEATH YOUR FEET. Your throne, O God, will last FOR EVER AND EVER; a scepter of JUSTICE will be the scepter of your KINGDOM.

Psalms 58.1—Do you rulers indeed speak justly? Do you judge people with equity? No, in your heart you devise injustice, and your hands mete out VIOLENCE on the earth.

Isaiah 11.4—But with righteousness/justice he will JUDGE the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the ROD of his MOUTH; with the breath of his LIPS he will slay the wicked.

Revelation 2.16—Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the SWORD of my
MOUTH.



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Jeremiah 5.14—Therefore this is what the LORD God Almighty says: “Because the people have spoken these words, I will make my **words in your mouth** a fire and these people the wood it consumes.

Psalms 59.7—See what they spew from their mouths—the words from their LIPS are SHARP AS SWORDS, and they think, “Who can hear us?”

Job 5.15—He saves the needy from the SWORD IN THEIR MOUTH; he saves them from the clutches of the powerful.

Isaiah 49.2-5—He made MY MOUTH LIKE A SHARPENED SWORD, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver . . . to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him

Revelation 2.16—Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with THE SWORD OF MY MOUTH.

Revelation 1.16—In his right hand he held seven stars, and COMING OUT OF HIS MOUTH WAS A SHARP, DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 19.15—Coming out of HIS MOUTH is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will REIGN OVER THEM with an iron SCEPTER.” He treads the WINEPRESS of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Psalms 2.1-9—Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.” I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will BREAK them with a ROD of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” REIGN OVER—Poimaino; to Shepherd

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Exodus 15.1—Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

Exodus 15.11—Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, doing marvelous deeds?

Exodus 15.14-16—THE NATIONS will hear and TREMBLE; ANGUISH will grip the people of Philistia. The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away; TERROR and DREAD will fall on them.

Exodus 15.13, 17—In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance—the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.

Exodus 15.18—“The LORD reigns for ever and ever.”

Jeremiah 10.6,7—No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. WHO SHOULD NOT FEAR YOU, KING OF THE NATIONS? This is your due. Among all the wise rulers of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you.

Psalms 86.8-10—Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours. ALL THE NATIONS you have made WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, Lord; they will BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME. For you are great and do marvelous deeds; YOU ALONE ARE GOD.

Psalms 98.1—Sing to the Lord A NEW SONG, for he has done marvelous deeds; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made his salvation [victory] known and REVEALED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THE NATIONS.

Revelation 14.6—Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every NATION AND TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE. He said in a loud voice, “FEAR God and give him GLORY, for the hour of his just and equitable reign has come; and WORSHIP him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Revelation 17.6—Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, ARE PEOPLES, MULTITUDES, NATIONS AND LANGUAGES. The beast and the ten horns you saw will HATE THE PROSTITUTE. They will bring HER TO RUIN AND LEAVE HER NAKED; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, until God’s words are fulfilled. The woman you saw is THE GREAT CITY that RULES OVER the kings of the earth.

Luke 17.7—Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or TENDING sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’?

1 Corinthians 9.7—Who at any time pays the expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who TENDS a flock and does not get any of its milk?

Matthew 2.6—And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a RULER who is to SHEPHERD my people Israel.

John 21.16—A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “TEND my sheep.”

Revelation 2.26,27—To everyone who is victorious and continues to do my works to the end, I will give authority over THE NATIONS; to REIGN OVER [shepherd] them with an iron SCEPTER . . .

Revelation 15.1-4—I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because by them God’s wrath is. 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.”

Revelation 20.5—(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.)

Revelation 21.24—The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Revelation 22.2 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.

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