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15] And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16]** And he has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. **17]** And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; **18]** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. **19]** And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. **20]** And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. **21]** And the remnant was slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

1-3] After these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying: Alleluia; Salvation, glory, honor, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he has judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said: Alleluia. And her smoke rose up forever and ever. In the Revelation 18: 20 is this call: Rejoice over Babylon, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. In these few verses we see the joyful celebration of many people in heaven. Prophets and apostles are people also. In the Scriptures we read about many victorious celebrations that glorify God with great rejoicing. Let us recall some verses of the ecstatic joy and celebration Moses and Israel experienced on the other side of the

Red Sea in Exodus 15: 1-13: Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, saying: I will sing unto the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider has he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God; I will prepare him a habitation. I will exalt him, the God of my father. The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, o LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. In the greatness of thine Excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sent forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as a heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. Who is like unto thee, o LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people whom thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. In the Book of Psalms we can read some praises celebrating our God's victory. Psalm 136 sounds like an echo of Moses and Israel's song in celebration after crossing the Red Sea as they glorified Jehovah, the "great worrier" and victorious deliverer of Israel. Think of the praise from the heart of Daniel in 2: 19-23 when the secret was revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven: Blessed is the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: he changes the times and the seasons. He removes kings, and sets up kings: he gives wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that have understanding: He reveals the deep and secret things: he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter. Remember the song of Deborah and Barak in Judges 5? Remember Peter's appearance at the prayer-meeting in the Acts 12? First, Rhoda didn't open the door for joy of telling the great news, and finally, when the disciples did see him, they were so

astonished that it was necessary for Peter to wave his hand to quiet them that they could hear his testimony... Our God's people celebrated our Creator and Savior's many victories over the oppressors of His people. We rejoice in our Lord's deliverances. A dramatic experience happened to many believers in the recent history that reminds me of some moments in the Book of Esther. It happened in the beginning of the world war two; it was a great sign of our God. Yugoslavian monarchy was pursuing general mobilization in preparation for the major military confrontation that already started in some parts of the world. Many of believers were risking death by fiery squad for resisting active use of military arms. Many among them gave up their loyalty to their faith and were taken with other soldiers to the frontline. Some never returned back to their families and of some there was no voice of their whereabouts. Most likely they died... The believers upholding their faith were all imprisoned and were told by the military officers that their only choice is death squad or to swear allegiance to the king and go to war with full armor. Some two weeks later the king was dead. A very short time after that the government escaped before the invading armies. The officers of the foreign military rule received an order from their leaders to release all peaceful religious prisoners. All the believers, that were prepared to suffer for our Lord's testimony, returned to their families and were spared from suffering and shedding blood in war. Our Lord is mighty to deliver us from dangers and afflictions; but He is even mightier to uphold us through suffering and death as He did with Stephen. He faced the beastly fury, but our Lord revealed to him the heavenly glory; and he just continued glorifying our Lord in the everlasting celebration and adoration with all others already there - waiting for us. All godly celebrations are glorious; the final one is the most glorious and triumphant – around our God's throne forever. The words of the heavenly praise are chosen by our Savior's Spirit: Salvation, glory, honor and power, unto the Lord our God: for true and righteous are his judgments... The same Spirit fills the Kingdom in heaven and in the earth; around the throne and in the hearts He indwells. As we consider

the words of this praise, we see how they fill our needs down here. They also sound in accord with the abundance of peace and joy in the Everlasting Kingdom. First word is “Alleluia!” Praise our God, the Almighty, the Ever Living One! When we are rejoicing in His blessings and provisions – praise Him! When we are suffering afflictions and grave ‘circumstances’, praise Him! When Satan by his slaves attacks, praise God! When the professing believers - we had confidence in – deny our Lord left and right, we praise our Lord with tears and grief; but we should never quit; just cleave to our King of kings and Lord of lords, our Heavenly Bridegroom, the Love and longing of our soul; just Alleluia on and on! He is victoriously leading us through faithfulness - to His endless revelation! Our Father is the Almighty! Our Master is in power and in charge forever! We see Satan’s mystery in the chapter 17: the entire system is comprised with corruption, decay and viruses of self-destruction. We see the fall of Babylon in the chapter 18: no sin escapes our God’s just judgment! No power of darkness can withstand the Light of the Truth in Christ. No child of our Father ever lost the battle while walking in the Light of the Gospel teaching. Victory is in Christ our Lord! Alleluia! The next word is “Salvation”. Abel was saved in his acceptable offering and in his martyrdom; Moses through Egyptian tyranny, adoption and schooling, God’s call and deliverance. There are many examples; but none like our Lord’s. We experience His salvation in our separation from the world of darkness and deliverance from the power of sin, in His constant correction of us, comforting, strengthening and cultivating us until He brings us to the portals of heaven. He is the author and finisher of our faith. We are compassed with a great cloud of witnesses that will glorify Him endlessly... His salvation is unfolding gloriously in His constant victory over Satan here and now – till the last day and, then, forever. Our Savior suffered more than we all together – since Adam till the last judgment – and in all of His ministry He is glorious above the entire host of heaven with all the redeemed. We ascribe salvation to Him and glorify Him forever. The following word is “Glory”; His everlasting glory. His glory did

not fade nor was it tarnished even when He took our place – the place of fallen humanity - under the just and awful judgment of our righteous God. Through thick darkness beams the indestructible glory of the Eternal Creator, Savior and His everlasting Gospel; by **His** death He defeated **ours**. We honor Him for He is **all** glorious and honorable beyond expression. We honor Him for His humility on our behalf. We honor Him when He makes us worthy to suffer humility witnessing His Gospel. We honor Him for delivering us from the snare of Satan; the trap of grabbing boastful self-glorification. The only honor we rightfully desire is the honor of Christ. All power is His forever! He manifested the power of our Heavenly Father in Him – the Son. His is the power of creation, the power of salvation, the power to overcome sin, death, Satan and the world in our heart and mind – to make us new creation: His living testimony in the world of sinners. His power moves us to grow in faith and knowledge of God’s Son. Halleluiah! His salvation and glory, honor and power are manifested in His Gospel proclamation and in His righteous condemnation of Satan and sin. He has judged the great whore in the Garden of Eden, in Cain’s sin, in the great flood, in destruction of Sodom with the other cities of the plain and, in all calamities of every empire in the sinful world’s history. He judged the great whore in His suffering on our behalf. He judges all wickedness in our heart, mind, soul and body... When we receive in gratitude and submission our Lord’s correction of our intentions and deeds, we also condemn the great whore. We make a good step in the right direction and we are on His side. He justifies us in His grace; to judge sin. No tear of sincere repentance, no sweat- drop of godly laborers; no blood stream of His martyrs is ever lost: all is in Him. The great whore is judged; she corrupted the earth by her fornication. Whoredom and condemnation cannot be separated from one another. As soon as the first couple sinned, their innocence and purity was marred – corrupted. Their Creator, the Source of all blessings, they considered a danger: they hid themselves among the trees in the garden. Whoredom is a self-destruction and total disregard of fellow beings. Sin is corrupting both – perpetrators and

victims. Condemnation of sin is *in* the act, *in* denying guilt and responsibility for sin, *in* justifying sin and self, *in* condemning just condemnation and, repeating sin... Sin corrupts sinner's mind, heart, soul and body. Sinner cannot deliver himself - ever. Sin corrupts the environment, past memories and future generations. Sin is a terminal cancer of human life now - and forever. Condemnation of sin is a fundamental part of righteousness and justice. Tolerating sin is unrighteous & unjust. In judging and condemning sin we must not use any of the manners and deeds our adversary is using: lies and hypocrisy. We are safe and faithful when we follow our God's guidance and commandments in sin-condemnation. When our Savior was suffering for our redemption, the slaves of darkness might have thought that they were winning; but our Heavenly Father gave the signs of victory: darkness covered the earth, temple veil was rent, centurion confessed & Joseph came. [Mark 15: 33-43] In Luke 23: 48 the people show dramatic signs of regret. Through the suffering of the Lamb the mighty empire of Satan is crumbling. When we suffer for our Savior's testimony, although the slaves of darkness think that we are losing the battle, our Heavenly Father continues His marvelous work and the evil empire is shaking, falling apart. Our humble and brave following our Master in godly life, fervent labor, through suffering and martyrdom, is our condemnation of evil and confirmation of our God's righteous judgment. How many times through the history our God's displeasure with tyrannical reign and persecution had been manifested in violent collapse of evil domains and rulers? In the end none of them will survive, but the great condemnation and judgment is here foretold against Satan, Babylon – that great whore – their beasts, monsters, false prophets and ruling executioners that were drunk with the blood of the saints: their smoke will rise forever as an awful testimony against Satan's wickedness and God's perfect righteousness. In the 1st verse much people in heaven shout: Halleluiah, salvation, glory, honor, and power, unto the Lord our God...! In the 2nd verse is the reason for the rejoicing in this part of the revelation: True and righteous are his

judgments: for he has judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. In the 3rd verse their “Halleluiah” is repeated adding “Babylon’s judgment smoke rises up forever and ever”. The true nature of the heavenly beings and the new nature of the heavenly minded people of our God are visible between the two “Halleluiah” shouts. We trust our Lord’s righteousness before His judgments are completely executed. After the final execution of the just judgment, we have the strong testimony: our God is righteous, gracious and just. The multitude [seen in the 1st verse] first proclaimed, and, afterward confirmed: Halleluiah, glory to our perfectly just Lord. The halls of the eternal Kingdom will echo with endless shouts of gratitude, praise and adoration to our Holy, gracious and patient God. The echo confirms: God is also just in His judgment: He has judged the devil, all evil, and all stubborn rebellion. The martyrs and all the redeemed souls will forever rejoice in the beauty of their garments – Christ’s righteousness... This is the garment our Heavenly Bridegroom granted to His Bride, the souls He loves with eternal love.

4-6. The four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. A voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundering, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns. The echo unfolds on & on through the endless. After the masses declare glory to God, the four living beings and the elders add their praise with grater manifestation. They fall down before the throne and worship the divine King as they proclaim their “Amen”! & “Halleluiah”! Although they make one great Congregation of the blessed and rapturous worshippers, those ordained to be on the twenty and four seats, and even more so the four beings on and around the throne demonstrate an even greater zeal in adoration. At that point a mighty impulse of our Lord’s glory and joy in the

worship of His beloved Family comes from the very throne to accelerate the already high tide of rapture; the Almighty Creator, the Eternal Father, Lord God of Sabaoth is rejoicing with the world He has created first and redeemed afterward! I tremble in my soul - just speaking of that bliss. Is this the voice of our Heavenly Father, or the voice of our Lord Jesus, or of the Holy Spirit? Is this the voice of the four living beings? Is this an expression of our Father's perfect pleasure in His Beloved Son, or one more impulse of the Son's perfect adoration of the Righteous Father? Is this acceleration of our Creator's satisfaction in Genesis 1: 31: very good!? I think we are glimpsing into the ultimate meaning of the 1st Corinthians 2:9: ...Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. More than my choicest words, the answer to this voice tells us of the rapture that fills the Kingdom, all the citizens, the entire host and the King. This heavenly tide is as gentle and refreshing as whisper of the spring-time breeze and as powerful as the numberless host. The delight of the redeemed souls is like dripping of nectar, but the harmony of this multitude forever one in their beloved Lord is as a mighty surge of an ocean, a rolling thunder of endless adoration; way beyond the limits of our mind. Is this the blessedness we are resisting with our carnality, vanity, worries, doubts, fears, sectarian misinterpretations, worldly ignorance and all other ways we help our Enemy to mar our Fellowship in Christ's Spirit? Can't we keep our awareness of this awesome Truth: He delivers us from His just judgment-smoke that rises forever? Christ is our Master! Although we cannot grasp the grandeur of our Creator and Savior's glory, majesty, eternal love and everlasting Gospel, He gives us the pre-taste of that delight which dispels our stress and lifts us up closer to the blessed throng that we can join the heavenly harmony with our praise: Halleluiah! Our Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Salvation, glory, honor, and power, belong to the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments. His mercy & grace in Christ is measureless!

7-9] Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife has made her-self ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen, is the righteousness of saints. And he says unto me: Write: Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he says unto me: These are the true sayings of God. In Luke 6: 22-23 our Lord reveals to us a joy He knows. Blessed are you, when men shall hate you, separate you from their company, reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice you in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. To look deeper and wider into this, check the sharing on Matt. 5.

This is one of the teachings telling us the proper focus and priorities. Our Lord knows very well how prone we are to forget the most important purpose of our life in Christ when we suffer in our flesh. He tells us to rejoice because our sufferings of this present time are **nothing - compared with the glory** which shall be revealed in us [Romans 8: 18]. In these verses [7-9] the glory and the bliss of the Eternal King in His Kingdom is beaming upon our souls; giving us more awareness of, and, more desire for, His kingdom in our heart and mind, soul and body. As we progress in learning and understanding our Saviors Everlasting Gospel, as we strive and pray to apply it in our daily walk, we live and grow in Him. Instead of sadness for some worldly comfort and carnal pleasure, denied to us by the beast, let us be glad and rejoice in our King of kings – our Heavenly Bridegroom. Let us not dishonor Him by our selfish cowardly complaints and fears. We are to honor Him because His – Lamb's - marriage is come? Was there never any reason to honor Him since the world began? Are we "generously" rewarding Him for "finally remembering" to marry His Bride after all that "endless" delay? **None of that**, of course! In Isaiah 64: 6-7 we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousness as filthy rags... Our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us

away. There is none that calls upon God's name; that stirs up him-self to take hold of Him: for God has hid His face from us, and consumed us, because of our iniquities. Only because of His gracious deliverance & transformation we can rejoice in Him and honor the mighty Lamb. He humbles Him-self to save us - dead. In John 12: 31 our Lord Jesus says: Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. Since the first evidence of trespass, was there any time without our God's judgment? Was it not only our time of [our] ignorance - before He revealed His judgment to us? Was there ever a time not good to cast out the ruler of darkness? Was that not only the time when we were enslaved to our Adversary resisting our Savior? Yes! The marriage of the Lamb has come to all that consecrated soul and body, time and strength to our Heavenly Bridegroom! Let us strive, pray and long for giving ourselves to Him more and more; so shall this light of His revelation shine upon the other souls around us. To the Bride has been granted "that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: this fine linen is the righteousness of saints". The time is coming for all the faithful to appear in the everlasting presence of our King in all the bliss of His righteousness – our wedding garment; for all that had been faithful to their journey's end, it already came. What is the righteousness of saints? Is it not more correct to ask: Who is our righteousness? In Romans 5: 21; 1st Corinthians 1: 30; 2nd Corinthians 5: 21; 1st Peter's 2:24; 2nd Peter's 1: 1 and I don't know how many other verses in the Scriptures confirm, but I pray that to us be granted such godliness that will always confirm: **Christ is our righteousness**. Let us strive and pray not to yawn falling asleep with our lamps ready to smoke out. Let us be the wise souls with His Gospel light shining brightly in the wedding halls of our glorious King. Let us be whole-hearted in our prayers to our Blessed Redeemer, our desires and endeavors that He removes all our rags of self-righteousness and cover us with His. Yes! The wedding is going on! To us is given to be arrayed in fine linen and we should embrace Christ's giving with sincere confession of our worthlessness that nothing can prevent us from receiving full abundance

of His grace. These are the true words of our God and He has no untrue words for us. Let nothing keep us from adoring Him now & forever. These are our Father's true blessings in His Son for us, His beloved Bride redeemed by His very blood, His Ransom, for His purpose: eternal love, everlasting joy, perfect unity, living for His pleasure and rejoicing in His everlasting salvation. Yes "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" to feast on the Living Bread of Heaven.

10] And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. We see this teaching in Colossians 2: 18: **Let no man beguile you** of your reward in a voluntary humility and **worshipping of angels**, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind... **Worshipping angels is idolatry.** How could John make such a mistake while receiving this abundant and bright revelation? I think of another vision in the Acts 10: 9-16 where our Lord prepares the apostle Peter for the Gospel message to the new disciples in Caesarea and, in the verses 13 – 16 we see Peter's rejection of our Lord's word. *There came a voice to him: Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said: Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean. The voice spoke unto him again the second time: What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice; and the vessel was received up again into heaven.* I think our Lord is guiding this vision to expose Peter's human weakness - to give Peter new power. In the Galatians 2:11-17 we see an apostle seemingly wrong and dramatically corrected. *But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. Before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. Other Jews dissembled likewise with him; Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. When I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the*

truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all: If you, being a Jew, live after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compel you the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. If, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. I wonder if I am taking too much liberty in questioning how and why was it possible for Peter, an apostle tested so severely, so many times and, in so many ways, to fall into his [or theirs], Jewish-custom syndromes and confusions... One of my thoughts is that some of the believers “of the circumcision” were prone to turn away from following our Lord’s Gospel if left alone – surrounded by the believers faithful to the Way, but rejecting many ‘Jewish superiorities’. Could it be that our brother Peter physically joined the ‘separated’ – Jewish believers with a purpose of sacrificing...? Perhaps this – older - apostle intended to have himself as one on the wrong – Pharisaic – side to be the one willing and open to accept correction. I perceive that it was easier for the ‘circumcised’ to follow their leader seeing he was willing to accept the blame after he [Peter] satisfied somewhat their residue of Jewish ‘superiority’ having been God’s people... I have confidence in our Lord’s Spirit’s guidance, protection and correction in John’s day to day walk so much that John would never make a mistake of worshipping anyone but God – our Creator and Savior. My thought is that this correction addressed to John, from the angel, is a part of the vision – a message to all believers throughout every era in the world. That message is: **worship belongs only to God**. The angels accept no worship from any person. A genuine saint could accept no worship addressed to him / her from anyone. Genuine believers should offer no worship to any angel or saint. **Worship belongs to God**. Some religions encourage ‘service’ to saints [no longer living in this world] as a proper practice. I find no

Scripture justifying that activity and pretending to communicate with any people not present or physically connected with us seems like idolatry in disguise. I find no Gospel teaching allowing any “service to any saint” that has been transferred to eternity; nor any uncorrected example of believers worshipping any saints – on earth or in Heaven. This verse [10] guards us from falling into a confused, man-made religion. It secures us in following our holy apostles’ faith and to adore our Heavenly Father and His Only-begotten Son, our Lord and Master. This message also offers much encouragement to all of us often facing our shortcomings: the angels, prophets and apostles are all our fellow servants. It is a great privilege and a high honor to serve our great King of kings and Lord of lords adored by the entire Heavenly host and all the saints in Heaven and in the earth. Genuine children of our Heavenly Father are blessed by a stable fellowship in the Spirit of our Blessed Redeemer and uninterrupted desire to worship our God in the spirit and in Truth. The 2nd part of the verse 10: ‘Worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy’ explains real adoration. In the light of the Gospel according to John 1: 1-3 the Center and the most essential part of the entire God’s Word is God – himself: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.* **The Creator** seen in the beginning is also **the Savior** manifested later and **the King of glory** we behold in this book of the Revelation. Halleluia! Our God is so glorious! Our Heavenly Father is doing all to glorify His Son. The Son gives all of Himself for His Father’s perfect pleasure. The Holy Spirit is manifesting this perfect unity, love and grace with His, Spirit’s, entire power never asking for any separate, special, recognition. Divine nature is all loving, giving, selfless zeal, no selfish demanding. I sense my inability of explaining our God’s character, yet I am confident He will change us and make us more like His Son to make our joy and blessedness in Him full and forever excelling. I am close to the end of my earthly journey and labor... If our Lord will keep me

longer down here, I'd like to study the Bible all over again with this awareness of God.

This is almost like some of the last walks of Enoch – down here... [Genesis 5: 24] Seeing all the genuine prophecies in this light, we see Christ' Spirit in every one and then we see the full fulfillment of each prophecy in Jesus, the Son of the Blessed One; the Eternal God. Such glory and bliss! The Spirit of Christ speaks through the prophets, apostles, and, to us. As soon as we are in this sunshine of His Spirit, our soul blossoms with the thrill of expectation to make the next step, to see the next revelation, to experience more of the beauty of His holiness and to explore more of His character, presence and grandeur. The next verse is bringing the Heaven to us, or lifting us up on high; barriers vanish before His brightness.

11] And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. Heaven is open to Elisha to see the host of our King [2nd Kings 6: 15-17]. Heaven is open to Stephen to see our King; in Acts 7: 56. Heaven is open to the faithful worshippers of the Father and the Son. How many conquerors in the history of the world victoriously entered the cities their troops ruined, and soon were destroyed by another invader...? Here is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He conquered our death by His dying on the tree. All alone – without any troop – He smashed the mighty fortress of deceit and His liberty dawned upon our soul. The white horse indicates purity and holiness of His conquering power. He uses no empty threats, nor vain promises. He is faithful from the foundations of the Eternal Truth to the highest peaks of His revelations – way beyond the limits of our perception. He is the Truth and Righteousness and His power is in Himself to do all according His Father's pleasure. In the power of His Righteousness, Holiness and Truth He is judging, justifying and condemning. No sin can escape His judgment. Every rebellion must collapse before His authority. None of His redeemed and faithful will ever

be lost. In all His battles there is only one outcome: His victory! To His millenniums-long war there is only one end: His triumph ever!

12-13] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but him himself. And he was clothed with vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. The first sinners hid among the trees, but not away from His **all-seeing eye**. Many a sinner fell before Him; He **saw** His soul inside; the soul Christ came to save. Before Him the Adversary displayed all kingdoms in sin; **He saw** dust and ashes and the **souls** in anguish. Before His eyes Pilate pointed to the awful crucifixion; **He saw the victory** and multitude of delivered souls. In **His eye-sight**, the great whore Babylon displayed her pride; **He saw** her smoke forever, but His beloved Bride He adorns in His righteousness. On His head are many crowns. The despots in the world of darkness defend their crowns with all of their power and, sooner or later, they lose them – often suddenly. Sinful rulers do all they can to snatch the crowns from one another. Hear our Prince of Peace in Matthew 28: 18: All power is **given** unto me in Heaven and in earth; all true **crowns are HIS!** Our King of kings has no need to take a crown of any strangers: all genuine crowns are HIS by design, creation, purpose and quality. Before His majesty all other crowns – the false ones – fall down into dust and ashes – just as they deserve. His gracious Majesty has many crowns because there is no better and more appropriate position for the crowns of glory. Yet He delights not in keeping His crowns for Himself. He multiplies them because He loves to bless His Bride with glory! This book reveals many crowns: a crown of fearless, patient suffering for Christ's testimony [2: 10]; a crown of Morning Star, victory and stamina [2: 26-28]; crowns of meek eldership [4: 4]; and a crown of humble Gospel proclamation [6: 2]. In Colossians 5: 18 we see the crown of Gospel proclamation! Crowns of glory have been known since ancient times. In Exodus are: a crown of anointed intercession [29: 6]; a crown of the altar of prayers [30: 4]; a crown of

higher holiness [37: 2]; and a crown of humble service for the High Priest [39: 30]. In Leviticus 8: 8-9 is a crown of discernment between right and wrong and in 21: 10-15 is a crown of holiness undefiled by the world and the filth of profanity and sinful flesh. In the psalms are many crowns: a crown of recognizing our Heavenly Father in His Beloved Son [8: 5]; a crown of fruitful soil in a blessed heart [65: 11]; a crown of redemption and multiplied mercy [103: 4]; a crown of victorious battling for His Kingdom [132: 18]; and I know not how many more crowns are there throughout the Book and through endless ages. All the everlasting crowns belong to our King of kings, the Ever-living One! He gives them to whom He will and we all 'cast them before His feet' for He alone is worthy to receive power, government, worship, honor and glory forever and ever. The four and twenty elders worship him that lives forever, the Eternal God, & place their crowns before His throne. We all are inflamed by our Savior's Spirit with gratitude and adoration to fervently declare: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, honor and power! Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure we are created [4:10]. He has a Name known only to Himself. We know Him: He is our Creator and Savior; our Ransom and Owner; the Author and Finisher. With all the knowledge of Him and experiences with Him that He has blessed us by, we are still far from the complete knowledge of Him. In Luke 10: 21-22 our Lord Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said: I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knows who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. To His own He reveals more and more; forever.

13] And he was clothed with vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. As soon as we realize how little we know HIM, He reveals more depth, height and brightness of His Person and nature! His garment is read! In the preceding verse: No one knew His written Name;

and in this verse: His Name is the Word of God! I have questions. Do we know His Word enough? No, never! Do we fulfill all of His commandments sufficiently? No, never! Are we separated from the world of sin and darkness completely? No, never! Is anything we do in His Name and for His sake perfect – just as if He did it – personally? No, nothing! Are all these points – facts - sufficient to persuade us to consider? We ought to learn continually and always be aware of the truth: we are far from His perfection; but He is always so close to us; always ready to help. If my observation encourages you to consider earnestly, seek prayerfully and faithfully obey our great Teacher's Word sent by our Heavenly Father, you honor Him more than your signet could - ratifying my words. The appearance of the Faithful and True, the One having a Name written, that no man knew, but Him Himself - The Word of God – in the vesture dipped in blood is one of the very important enlightenments for us in this book. Frankly, I feel unable to explain this; yet I am trying to give some hints that might help more gifted disciples to open this treasure. In the Gospel according to Luke 4: 5-7 the devil, taking our Lord Jesus up into a high mountain, shows to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time and says to Him: All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will - I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. Satan uses a combination of big lies and twisted facts. 1] He can't give anything to our Lord and he is not willing to give. 2] These kingdoms are not the devil's property although all are greatly infested, polluted and victimized by his deceit. 3] Satan has no power to appoint or remove rulers; God has that power [Jeremiah 43: 10]. Psalm 24: 1-2 tells us: The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. He has founded it..., and established it... We might understand that the devil is offering to our Lord the world Satan has stolen and marred; something the devil cannot keep for a long time. Our Lord is the only rightful Owner of all He has created. He has his own way and schedule of 'clearing' the account with His Adversary, the devil, in the sight of His entire heavenly host and

all His redeemed souls. In this book 18 the list of Babylon's wickedness is closed with the verse 24: In her was found the blood of prophets, saints and all that were slain upon the earth. The judgment for all the bloodshed condemns Satan. All sinners deserve death; but the ultimate guilty designer and instigator is the devil because all the souls are our Creator's property. Sinners are Christ's property alienated, stolen and contaminated by stubborn rebellion. The blood of the martyrs is our Lord's blood. We are the members of His Body – the Bride He has redeemed and is preparing for the wedding feast. The blood He shed on the crucifix is the blood of His personal body He used to manifest His Ransom by God's Lamb-Offering. In this verse [13] our King of kings appears in the vesture completely in blood color. Ever since we see the Word of God in proclamation or in practice, it has been linked closely to martyrdom for the testimony of our Lord Jesus and life loss as a consequence of rejecting His testimony. All blood is His: some of His disloyal creation, some of His Body - His Church. For all bloodshed our Adversary must be condemned; our blessed Lord will be glorified. Once again: this Revelation is illuminating our understanding of this recorded Word of God; it is blessing us to grow in faith and knowledge of the Son of God. Our Heavenly Father reveals His own Majesty and Grandeur in His beloved Son; for the Father and Son are one.

14] The armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. The armies in Heaven include all the host of heaven. But whose host was blessed by Melchizedek after the rescue of Lot's family in Genesis 14: 18? In Exodus 12: 41, at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass: all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. Israel, Abraham's seed, is the host of our Lord. As we consider apostolic testimonies, not only new-born disciples, but also the redeemed souls still under the yoke of bondage are named "My people" by our Heavenly Father in Acts 18: 9-10: The Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision: Be

not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and..., **I have much people in this city.** In Philippians 3: 20, our conversation – *citizenship, residence* - is in heaven. In Ephesians 2: 6 God has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus... In 2: 19 we are no more foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. In 3: 14-15 by our Lord Jesus Christ the whole family in heaven and earth is named. In Hebrews 12: 22-24 the eternal future is already manifested in the testimony of all faithful believers. **We are come unto mount Sion, and unto the City of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better than the blood of Abel.** The host of Heaven and the faithful on the earth are one. The entire host is one army adorned in Christ's righteousness and empowered by His Holy Spirit to battle in His war and in His righteous ways. Our Enemy is aware of the supreme power of our Sovereign. The devil knows his only possible success is in our disloyalty to our King – our acceptance of deceit. Our safety & prosperity is the unity in Christ's Spirit. Our Lion-Lamb is always victorious against the pretending roaring lion in 1st Peter 5: 8. Our King is the King of kings [16].

15-16] Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: he shall rule them with a rod of iron: he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. He has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Perhaps the twoedged swords were some Roman 'super' weapons. In Hebrews 4: 12 the **word of God** is **quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. The mightiest **twoedged sword** appeared to us in 1:

16: out of **His** mouth went a sharp **twoedged** sword..., and again in 2: 12: **He**, Who **has** the **sharp sword** with **two edges**, says these things. Hebrews 4 speaks to us – the believers. On which side of the sword are we: the former enemies, or the stubborn, permanent rebels? All the faithful followers of our great Shepherd, the Leader of the redeemed Flock, were slain by the twoedged sword in their repentance. Reality of the new life in Christ is confirmed by faithfulness to the teachings of our great Teacher as His faithful apostles gave us. Let us look what happened in the Acts 2: 36-38: Therefore let all Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. When they heard this, **they were pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles: Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them: Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. These souls were transferred to the right side: from death to life. Our Lord has told us this truth in John. John 5: 24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. God sent not his Son to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God [John 3:17 and 18]. All sinners persisting in their stubborn defiance against our Father's grace in Christ are aiming for the verse 15: Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations. The same **sword of the Lord** separates the penitent and obedient from sin and death and cuts off the stubborn rebels from further opportunity of despising Him & His grace. How has our King smitten the nations with His sword in the past times? How He smites presently? And how is He going to smite in the future times? We know not all of His mysterious ways; yet as little as we observed in our short time & as we have read in the books of Kings and

Chronicles, every evil fortress must collapse at His word in His appointed time.

How many wicked rulers and cruel regimes for a long time devised extinction of the true believers and abolition of all Holy Scriptures? They only destroyed themselves and their own regimes. Our Lord is using His great power to restrain the forces of evil and to smash the monsters when they act as almighty powers against the Lamb; He is the Lord forever! Many mighty empires reigning with cruelty and godlessness disappeared from the face of the earth. Many regimes with satanic rage persecuted believers but crumbled without any military force-attack from outside their borders. Some were destroyed with awful disasters and destructions. All evil establishments have a **detonator** in the core of their design: **sin**! How shall He rule them with a rod of iron? Some believers tell us in their testimonies how long they struggled to silence the cry of their souls; how long they labored to make sin their goal and satisfaction; but our Lord's Spirit kept reminding them of their awful peril, of God's righteous judgment and His amazing salvation in Christ; still offered; but not forever. Some governments accumulate massive ammunition and massive capital planning to conquer "the entire world"? Their weapon turned against themselves and their capital lost value in their own time. Some world powers perished in hostile divisions of their own regions. Our Lord allowed their supporters of yesterday to become their executioners these days. Our Redeemer suffered "the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God" Himself - on behalf of His Bride to make her perfect. Here we see Him executing the righteous wrath of His Father's divine justice upon all who despised His eternal love and persecuted His Beloved Bride. In His creation He is the Author, Designer, Finisher and Sustainer. In His redemption He is the mighty Lamb of God, our only Ransom and our only Reward. In His judgment - He remains our **King** and **Lord** forever.

17-18] I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven: Come and gather

yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. The prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 13 presents "The burden of Babylon". Condemning her, verses 9-10 tell us: Look, the day of the LORD comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. Ezekiel 39: 17-20, is very similar to the call in # 17: Son of man thus says the Lord GOD: Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field: ... gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel... Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth... Ye shall eat fat till ye are full, and drink blood till ye are drunk, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, says the Lord GOD. In Ezekiel, 32 is in a similar tone in 2-8: Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh, king of Egypt... 4] ... I will cast you forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon you, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you. 5] I will lay your flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height. 6] I will also water with your blood the land wherein you swim, even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of you. 7] When I shall put you out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. 8] All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and set darkness upon thy land, says the Lord GOD. In Matthew 5: 45 is a Gospel call: Be ye the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good. He sends rain on the just and on the unjust. The previous reference to Isaiah 13 foretells darkness: no more waiting, the time of judgment has come. **Total absence**

of light indicates the end of mercy-time and, judgment without any residue of mercy or further delay. In the Revelation 1:16 Christ's countenance is as the sun shines in his strength. Here, in 19: 17, the herald is standing still in Christ's bright light of Gospel-mercy and grace; but the condemnation of transgressions already goes forth: the call for the final judgment is loud and clear. This truth stands from the beginning. Right after the first transgression recorded, our Lord pronounced His condemnation and He promised His Ransom... From the beginning and - now - at the end both are revealed to us in the same bright light: mercy and justice of our God. In the beginning mercy had been proclaimed and the judgment foretold. At the end of mercy-time the final judgment has begun. Many signs of our Lord's displeasure heralded the final judgment.

Two examples are in Luke 13: 1-5. There were present at that season some *people* that told to our Lord Jesus of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you: Nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you; Nay, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. I think the 17, 18 & 21 [19:] foretell **the total defeat of evil**; just as in a battle-defeat all dead troops have become food for vultures and wild animals [Ezekiel 32: 2-8]. Another bright record is in the 2nd Chronicles 32. The enemy boasts in the verse 14: Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, **that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?** In the # 21: our LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. When he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword. His god

saved him not from his own bloody sons. Our Creator made man sinless - to rule over the created world. In sinful existence men misused and abused our God's creation until they became victims of their sinful deeds. These visions are not telling us that any fowls [birds] will survive the final judgment. The list in # 18 includes all that received the mark of the beast. No sin escapes our God's judgment. For such long time our Savior has been calling: Come to me, I will give you rest [Matthew 11: 28]. Sinners do not care... Him that comes to me I will not cast out [John 6: 37]. Wicked men ignore, or persecute, Him and His faithful heralds. In the end, or sooner, all iniquities and wickedness must face our God's just judgment. But for the grace of our God, we would have been as lost as they. As the day of grace is closing, let us proclaim the Gospel by godly life and witnessing...

19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. This **confrontation** has not started in this chapter; not back in 12: 7; not even in the 2nd Chronicles 32. The first recorded battle between the Truth and falsehood we see in the Garden of Eden; in Cain's deeds and words and in the perversions before the great flood had been foretold. This chapter brings us close to **its** end.

20] The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. The 'mighty' beast was taken? When shall the great decisive battle happen; never? One more mystery becomes - one more revelation. Since the beginning of the rebellion our Creator's throne was never shaken; nor was His power weakened. He is the Almighty forever! Yet He has His own way and time to prove the devil's wickedness and to spell the end of evil as soon as its measure is filled - to justify our God's just judgment. Halleluiah! In Mark 8: 36-37 our Lord says: What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole

world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? We see the false prophet managed to deceive the world; but only the humanity that rejected our Savior's grace. The false prophet was not able to survive the beast. They both are only slaves. As our Lord is teaching us in John 8: 34: Whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin. The false prophet is a slave of the beast. The beast is a slave of his own rebellion against our God – the only One Who can give true and lasting freedom. Not the dragon, nor the beast, neither the false prophet nor any of their deceived victims are true rulers; all are rebels. It is our Father's will to defeat the Deceiver by the Truth; to prevail against Satan's wickedness by His Son's righteous loyalty, suffering, death and resurrection. His Holy Spirit defeated the Adversary even in the lives of our God's children. The entire Book of the Revelation [and the whole Bible] enlightens our mind to see more of our King's grace & majesty. Now we can see clearer the faithful witnesses recorded in the Scriptures... They endured all suffering and bravely faced martyrdom; they are adorned in the sunshine of our Redeemer and filled with His Holy Spirit. In Christ is their victory & ours. In Him are our everlasting life, peace and joy. He is our Great Reward; glory, power, adoration and majesty are His!

21] And the remnant was slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. All the fowls were filled with their flesh. I already shared earlier in this chapter some insight into the meaning and significance of the sword coming from the mouth of our Lord Jesus Christ... In Hebrews 4: 12 the **word of God** is quick, and **powerful**, and **sharper than any twoedged sword**... The mightiest **twoedged sword** appears to us in 1:16: out of His mouth went a sharp **twoedged sword**... And again in 2:12: Our Lord Jesus has the sharp sword with two edges. All the faithful followers of our great Shepherd, the Leader of the redeemed Flock, were slain by the twoedged sword in their repentance. Reality of the new life in Christ is confirmed by faithfulness to the teachings of our Lord and Master as His faithful apostles have

recorded for us. Let us refresh our memory with Romans 6: 2 – 13. ...We are dead to sin... We, who were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death. We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. If we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. If we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more; death has no more dominion over him. He died unto sin once: but He lives unto God. Likewise reckon you also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Yield not your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. On which side of the sword are we? Are we the **former** enemies, sinners broken by the judgment of God's Word, saved by His grace, **or**, the **stubborn rebels** ready for the same sword to cut us down as a fruitless vine [in John 15: 6], or the enemies in Luke 19:27? The enemies, which would not that our Lord should reign over them, must get slain before Him. Our God is gracious, merciful and just.