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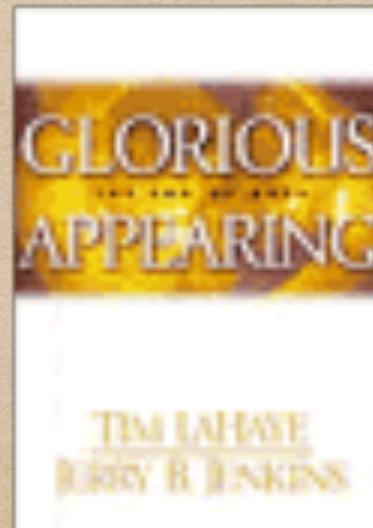
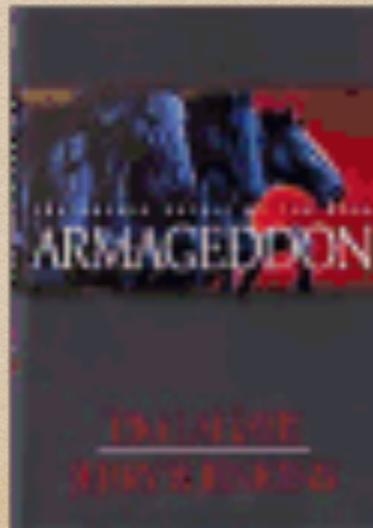
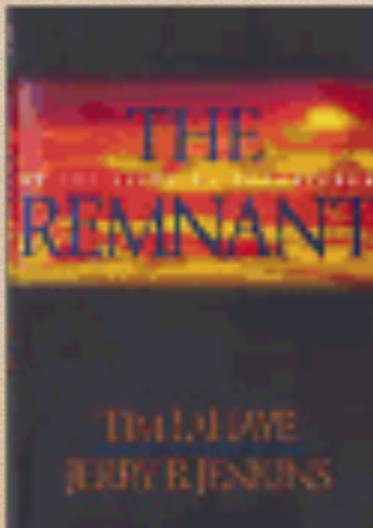
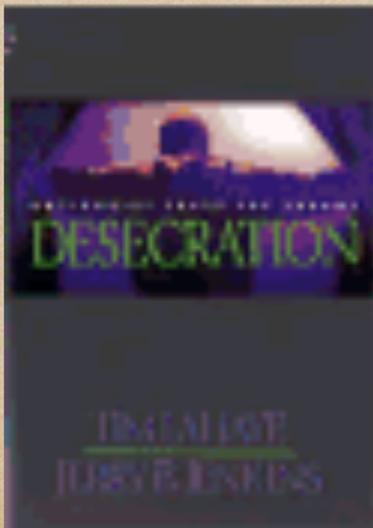
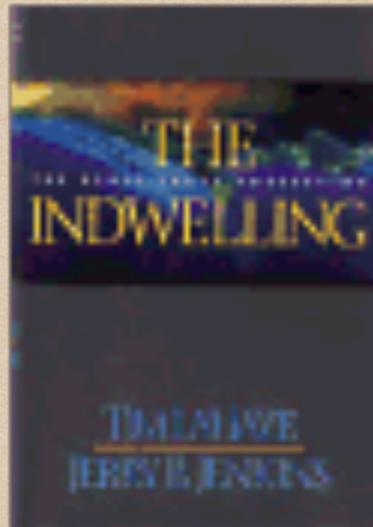
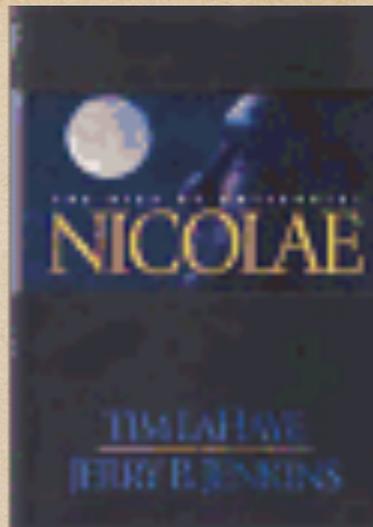
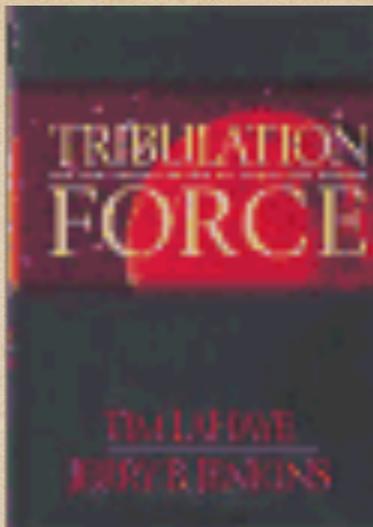
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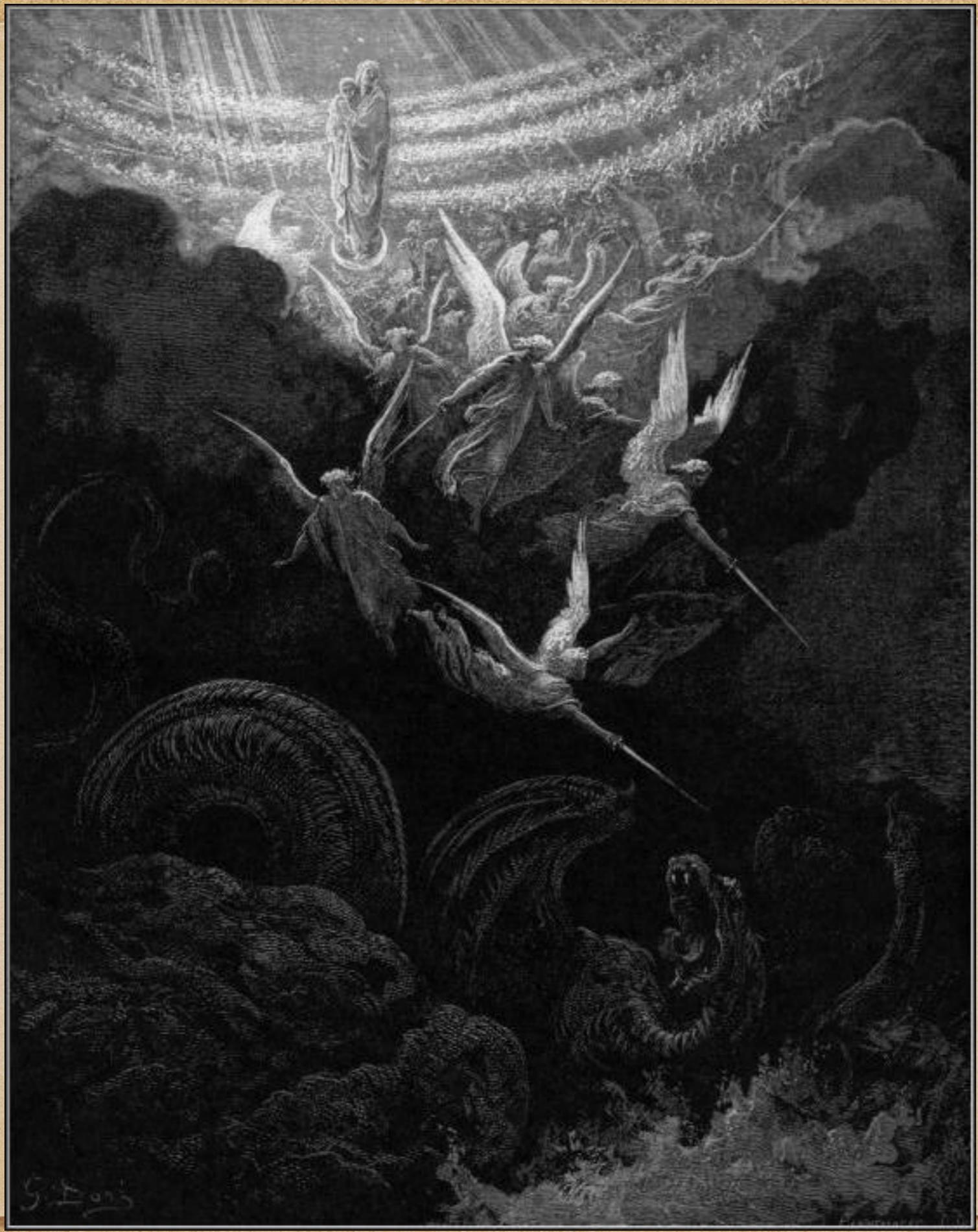


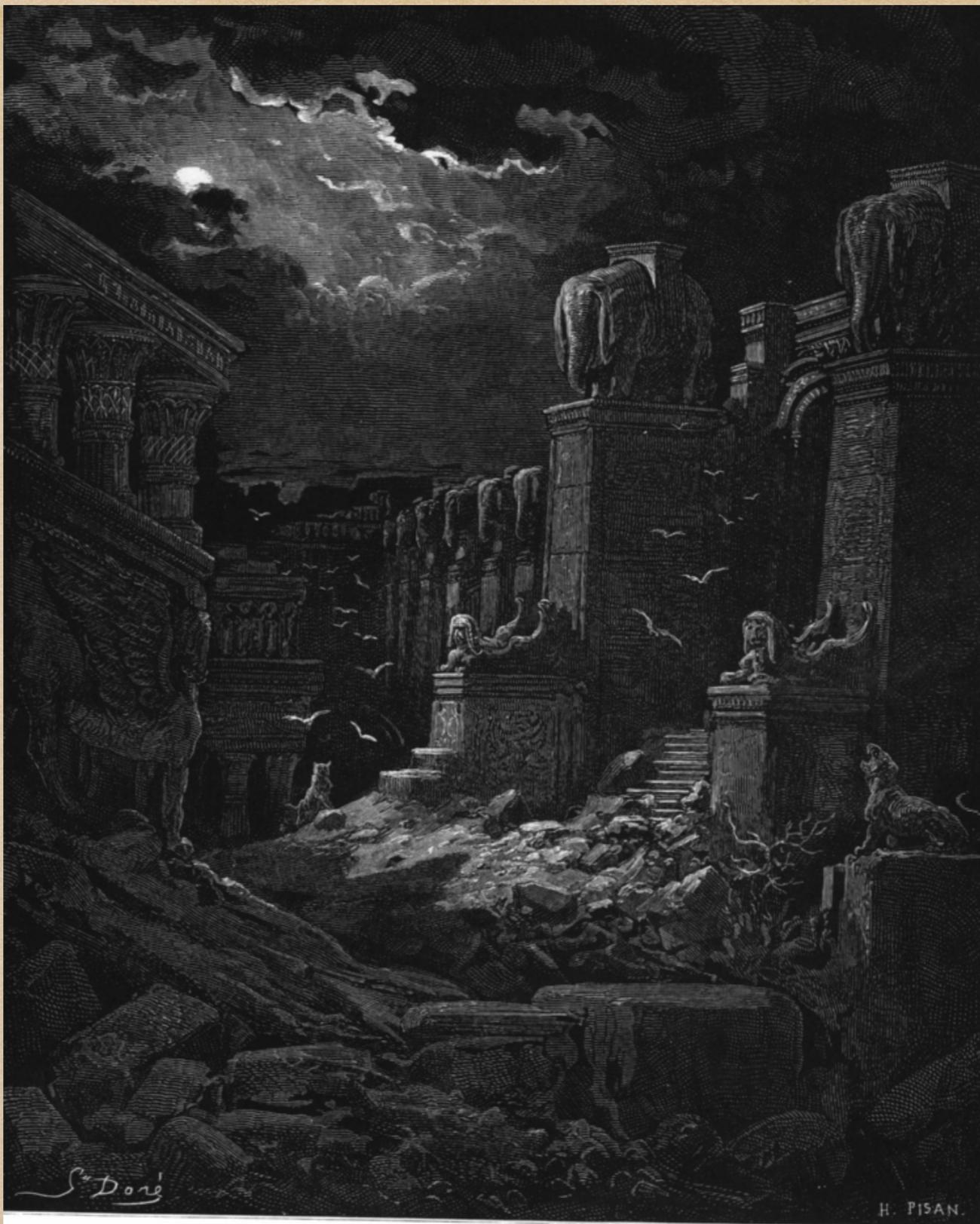












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For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
... (Revelation 18: 5)

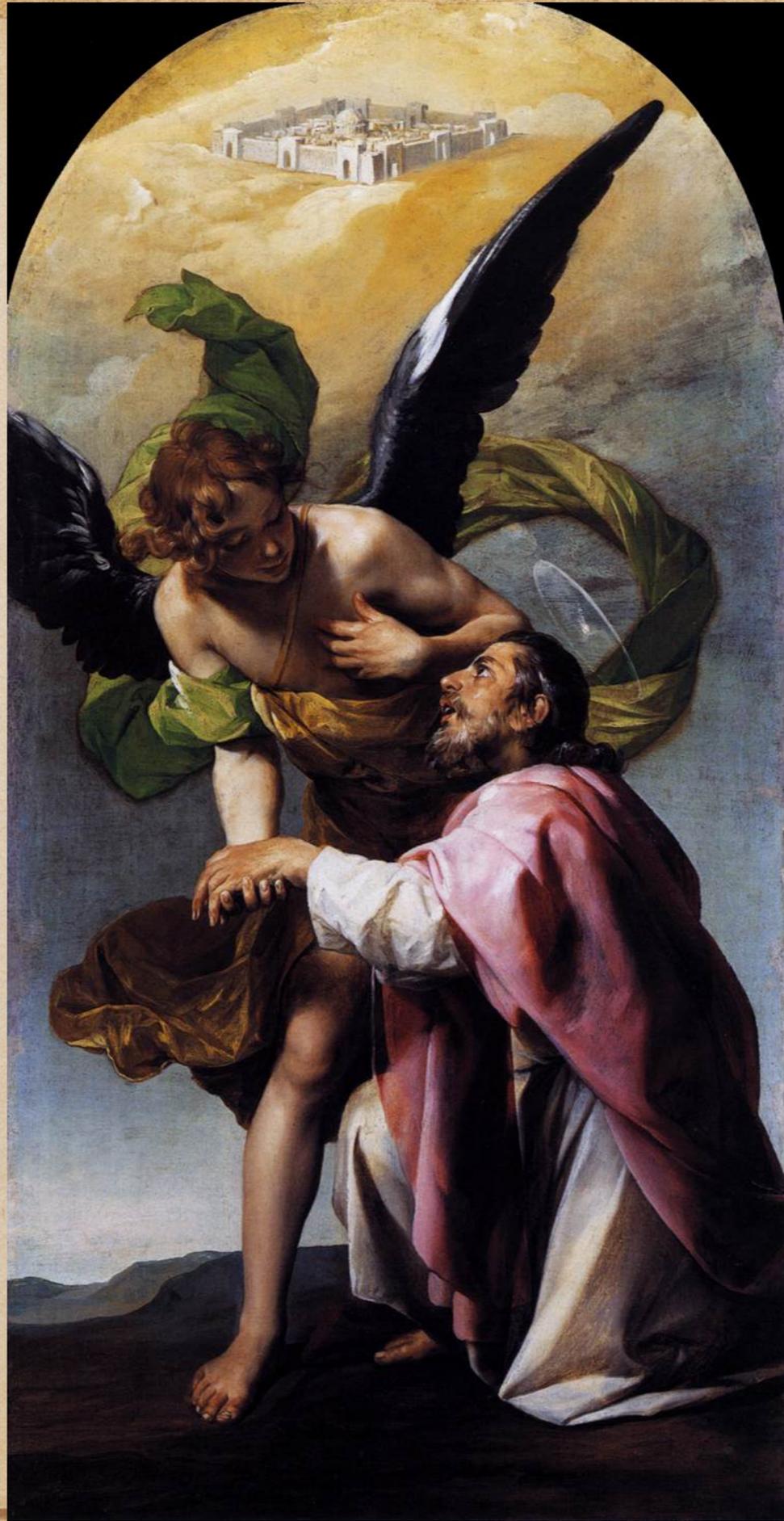


THE VISION OF DEATH

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death
. . . (Revelation 6: 8)







What have you thought about Revelations?

- ◆ What is it about?
- ◆ Why was it written?
- ◆ What does it mean to the church?
- ◆ What does it mean to you?

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156. Metzger writes that "the structure of the book involves a series of parallel yet ever-progressing sections" (18).

157. Morris writes, "It seems to be part of the method of our author to repeat his themes, not exactly, it is true, but on another level like a spiral staircase. In this way the same ground is traversed, but other perspectives are revealed and fresh facts of the revelation are brought out" (41-42).

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Flow of Thought Outline

1. Introduction – Purpose of witness which results in blessing
2. Salutation – John's greeting
3. John's commissioning – contents made more specific
4. Letters to the Seven churches – Christ speaks as ruler and judge
5. The Throne, the Scroll, and the Lamb – God and Christ are glorified
6. The first four seals – Christ exercises role as judge
7. The fifth seal – The persecuted appeal to God for judgment
8. The sixth seal – God answers the pleas of the saints
9. The sealing of the tribes – Believers are given spiritual protection
10. The Multitude – A purifying tribulation protects the multitudes
11. The seventh seal concludes the seal series – the last judgment is reiterated

12. The first six trumpets – angels will execute judgment on the persecutors

13. John's recommissioning

14. The two witnesses – God ensures his presence with the people and their witness

15. The seventh trumpet – God establishes kingdom and executes judgment

16. Christ's victory over Satan/God protects the Messianic community from Satan's harm: God's people will be protected spiritually throughout the trials, which for believers will refine their faith

17. Exhortation – believers are told how to hold on to their faith

18. The end of history – God accomplishes his glory through reward and punishment

19. Introduction to the seven bowls judgment

20. Punishment of the Ungodly – the bowl plagues

21. The woman city – the influence of the world's economic/religious system shown by the image of the woman's relationship to the beast

22. Rejoicing over the fall of Babylon – God's judgment demonstrates the integrity of the believer's faith and of God's justice

23. Wedding of the Lamb – the union of Christ with his righteous people

24. The defeat of the beast and its allies – a vindication of God's truth

25. The millennium – God limits Satan's deceptive powers

26. The new Jerusalem – a new world is created and God will reside with the people forever

27. Exhortation to Holiness – Explains the purpose of the book

Apocalyptic Literature

A divine disclosure, usually through a celestial intermediary to some prominent figure in the past, in which God promises to intervene in human history to bring times of trouble to an end and destroy all wickedness.

Characteristics of Apocalyptic Literature

- ◆ Always looking for a final reckoning
- ◆ Dualistic
- ◆ Rigid Determinism - Everything is pre-ordained

Literary Characteristics of Apocalyptic Literature

- ◆ Highly Elaborate Vision
- ◆ Angelic Interpreter
- ◆ Adopts a conventional literary style and adapts the message to the style
- ◆ Use of symbolism
- ◆ Pseudonymous - written under a fictitious name

Revelations vs. OT Apocalypse

- ◆ It is the NT counterpart to the book of Daniel
- ◆ It is not pseudonymous
- ◆ John calls it a "prophecy"
- ◆ It is optimistic, even in the midst of suffering
- ◆ It is a "salvation history"
- ◆ It has a sense of moral urgency (call for repentance)
- ◆ No heavenly tutor - reader must interpret
- ◆ It only declares truth rather than providing secret knowledge
- ◆ It has an epistolary element - the letter to the 7 churches
- ◆ It is an apocalypse for the new age - the spiritual age