

Victory of the Holy City:
The Soul's Mystical Union with God
from the Book of Revelation

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Congregation:

I AM Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Fear not, I AM the First and the Last: I AM he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I AM alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Conductor (John speaks):

Behold, a door was opened in heaven and immediately I was in the spirit where a throne was set and one sat on the throne, and there was a rainbow round about it, like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were seated four and twenty elders in white clothing with golden crowns upon their heads. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne which are the seven Spirits of God. And in the midst of the throne were four beasts—one was like a lion, the second was like a calf, the third had a face of a man and the fourth was like a flying eagle and they worshiped the Lord continually saying:

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Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was and is, and is to come! We give glory and honour and thanks to him that sitteth upon the throne, who liveth for ever and ever!

And the four and twenty elders fell down and cast their crowns of gold before the throne saying:

Thou art worthy, O LORD, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Blessing, and honour and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

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The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our LORD and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art and wast and art to come, because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast reigned.

Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Conductor:

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle...and another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the Earth; for her grapes are fully ripe...

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass having the harps of God.

Congregation:

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Conductor:

And after that I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: and the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white

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linen, and having their breasts clothed with golden sashes. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever.

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues were fulfilled. And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the Earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Congregation:

Rejoice over her thou heaven and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And the voice of harpers and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee; for thy merchants were the great men of the Earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the Earth.

Conductor:

And after these things, I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying,

Congregation:

Alleluia: Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the Earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and

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worshiped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne saying, Praise God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Conductor:

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

Congregation:

Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Conductor:

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 doth judge and make war. 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 he himself. And he was clothed in a garment dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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 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

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worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were 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.

Congregation:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and there was no more sea.

Conductor:

And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,

Congregation:

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

Conductor:

And he that sat upon the throne said,

Congregation:

Behold, I make all things new.

Conductor:

And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me,

Congregation:

It is done. I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the foundation of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things: and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Conductor:

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither; I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God; and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal and I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Congregation:

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the Earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

Conductor:

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

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In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Conductor:

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Congregation:

Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Amen.