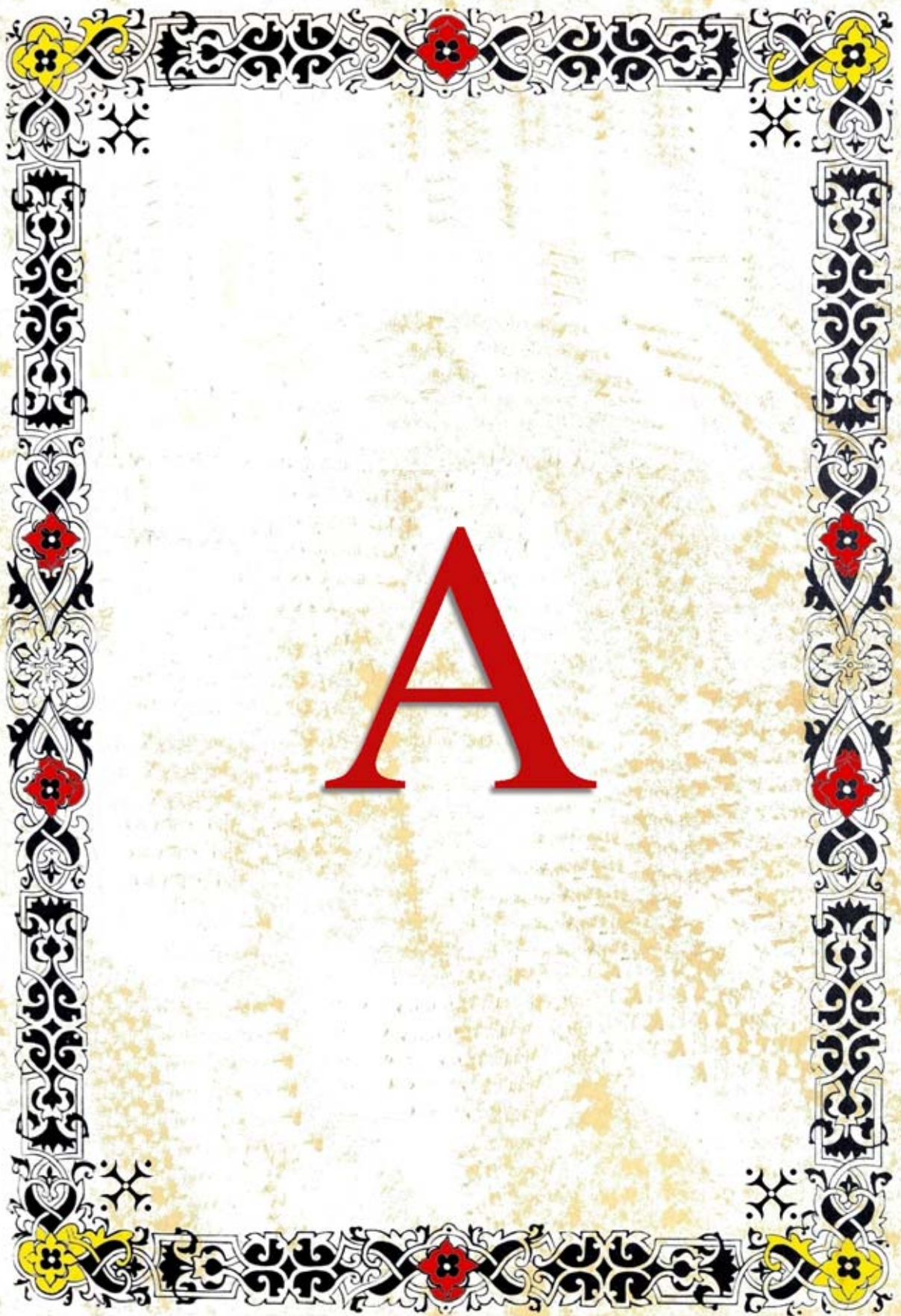
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AT
THE
NAME
OF
JESUS





And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death, even the death of the
cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted him
and given him the name which is above
every name, that **at the name of Jesus**
every knee should bow, of those in heaven,
and those on earth, and of those under the
earth, and that every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.



PREFACE

There was a time when names were recognised to have significance, meaning and importance in regard to the person who bore the name. So we should certainly all take heed of the following from the Books of Isaiah and Exodus:

Thus says God the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: "I *am* the LORD, that *is* my name; and my glory I will not give to another, nor my praise to carved images [idols]. "

And God spoke all these words, saying: "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* his name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Scripture is clear and explicit, Adam was the first man created, the progenitor of the human race – who when put to the test by his Creator was found wanting! He proved to be rebellious and disobedient to God, handed over his allegiance and delegated authority to the 'flesh' and the 'devil', and contaminated his offspring (the human race) with his 'sin'. His nature is become our (human) nature, therefore we are born spiritually dead to and separated from our Creator.

But no surprise to God! Scripture tells us that one was foreordained before the foundation of the world to come into the world to rescue us and provide the way to restore Mankind to communion and fellowship with God.

This eternal anointed one could only be the second person of the Holy Trinity, God the Son, the Beloved of God the Father – known to us through his incarnation as Jesus Christ. And to this one the Old and New Testaments give many other profound and meaningful names! This volume aims simply to reference and consider some of the numerous titles applied to the one whom God the Father has set above all and over all – the one to whom every knee shall bow.

Now The Birth Of



Was As Follows:

After his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

And she will bring forth a Son, and **you shall call his name JESUS, for he will save his people from their sins.** " So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet [Isaiah 7], saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

matthew chapter 1

‘JESUS’:

Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua or Yeshua meaning Saviour or Yahweh (Jehovah) saves. Hence the angel telling Joseph to call Mary's child JESUS, for his incarnation provided the way for humanity to be redeemed and restored to fellowship with God – that is to be saved from bondage to sin and death and no longer be separated from God. Scripture makes it clear that the ‘free gift’ offered to all who believe in Jesus, and acknowledge him as Lord, cost God that which was most precious to him – the second person of the Trinity. Jesus took upon himself the punishment for all our sins. He died a brutal ‘sinners’ death in our place so that we might be justified and declared righteous before God.

‘CHRIST’:

The Greek form of the Hebrew translated as Messiah – the one ‘anointed’ by God to be the eternal greater son of David. The King, High Priest and Prophet whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. The one to whom every knee will bow and every tongue confess him to be Lord. Matthew and Luke tell us that Jesus (the man) was in direct bloodline from king David through both Joseph and Mary.

In the BEGINNING ^w_{as}

THE WORD

and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own did not receive him. But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

'THE WORD':

This 'name' had profound meaning for both Hebrew and Greek/Gentile readers.

The Old Testament refers to 'the word of God' being spoken many times. Indeed, when 'God said', time, space, matter, light and life were all created out of nothing [Genesis 1 & 2]! "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.", so says God of his Word in Isaiah chapter 55.

And for Greek/Gentile readers, the 'Logos' was, in philosophical terms, God's plan for all things and the creative power to accomplish his will. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given *them* to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of my Father's hand. I and *my* Father are one."

JESUS SAID TO THEM, MOST ASSUREDLY,
I SAY TO YOU, BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS,



When Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* his name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* my name forever, and this *is* my memorial to all generations.'"

EXODUS CHAPTER 3

“I AM”

In the Gospel of John, Jesus personalized the covenant name of God given to Moses in a way that imbued it with greater and more profound meaning, namely:

“I AM the bread of life”

“I AM the light of the world”

“I AM the door of the sheep”

“I AM the good shepherd”

“I AM the resurrection and the life”

“I AM the way, the truth, and the life”

“I AM the true vine”

Now when he [Jesus] said to them, [a Roman army detachment, officers from the chief priests and Pharisees] “I AM,” they drew back and fell to the ground.



For unto us a

child

is born,

for unto us a

son

is given,

and the government will be upon his shoulder.

And his name will be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father [Father of Eternity], Prince of
Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace
there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over
his kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgement
and justice from that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

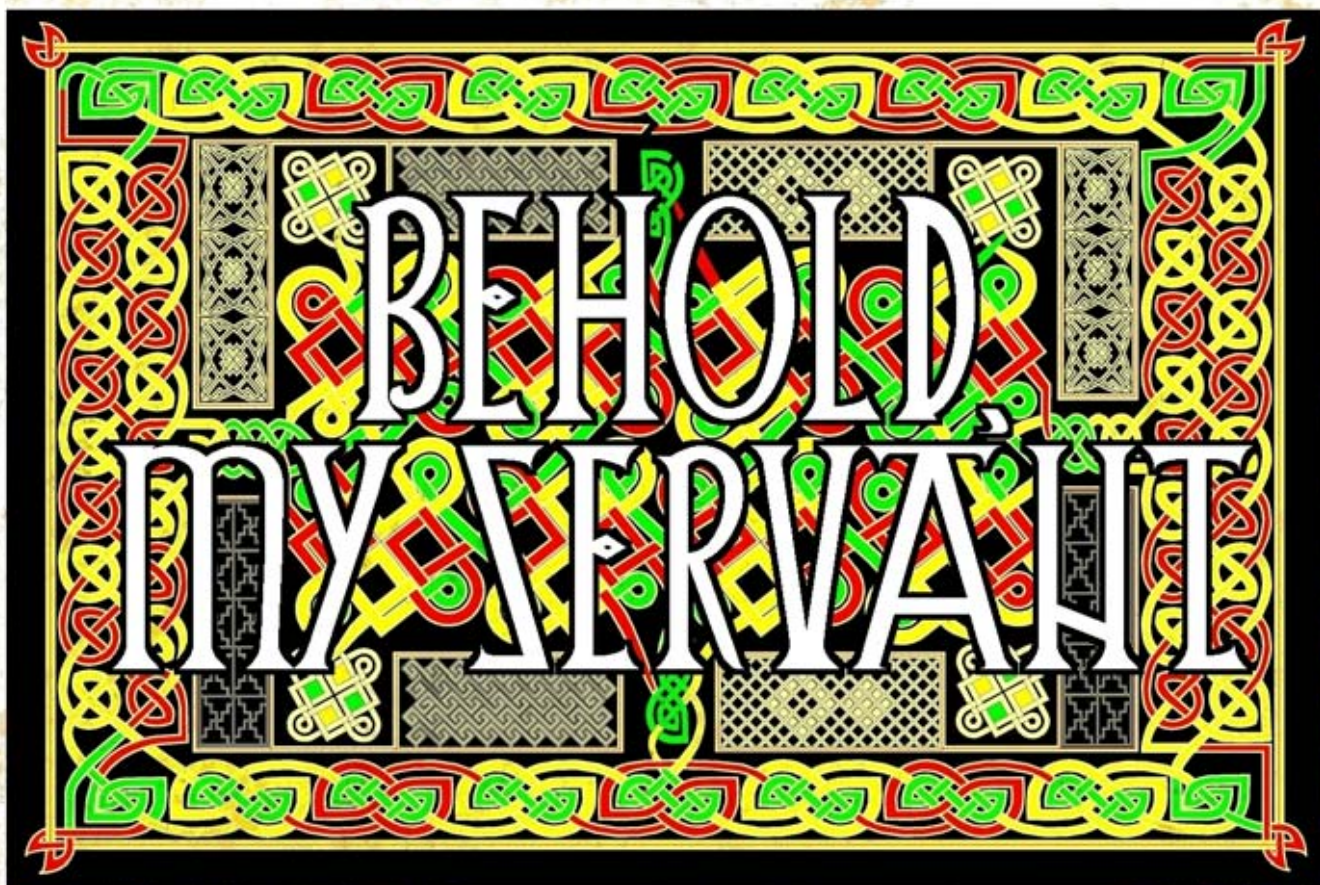
ISAIAH CHAPTER 9

'SON'

"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to me, 'You *are* my Son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give *you* the nations *for* your inheritance, and the ends of the earth *for* your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish *in* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. He who believes in him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *one* like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days [God], and they brought him near before him. Then to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him."



SHALL DEAL PRUDENTLY, HE SHALL BE EXALTED AND
EXTOLLED AND BE VERY HIGH. SURELY HE HAS BORNE OUR
GRIEFS AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS, YET WE ESTEEMED
HIM STRICKEN, SMITTEN BY GOD, AND AFFLICTED.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities; the
chastisement for our peace was upon him,
and by his stripes we are healed. Yet it pleased the
LORD to bruise him; he has put *him* to grief. By his
knowledge my righteous Servant shall justify many, for
he shall bear their iniquities.

ISAIAH CHAPTERS 52 & 53

'SERVANT'

So when he [Jesus] had washed their feet, taken his garments, and sat down again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him."

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore the Lord himself will give
you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a Son, and
shall call his name

EMMANUEL

But while he thought about these things,
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him
in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that
which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she
will bring forth a Son, and you shall call his name
JESUS, for he will save his people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which
was spoken by the Lord through the prophet,
saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear
a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which
is translated, "God with us."

ISAIAH & MATTHEW CHAPTERS 7 & 1

'EMMANU-EL'

Meaning in Hebrew, 'With us-God'.

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathise with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

Therefore, when he came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you have prepared for me. In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin you had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of me—to do your will, O God.'"

For I know that my

REDEEMER

lives, and he shall stand
at last on the earth,

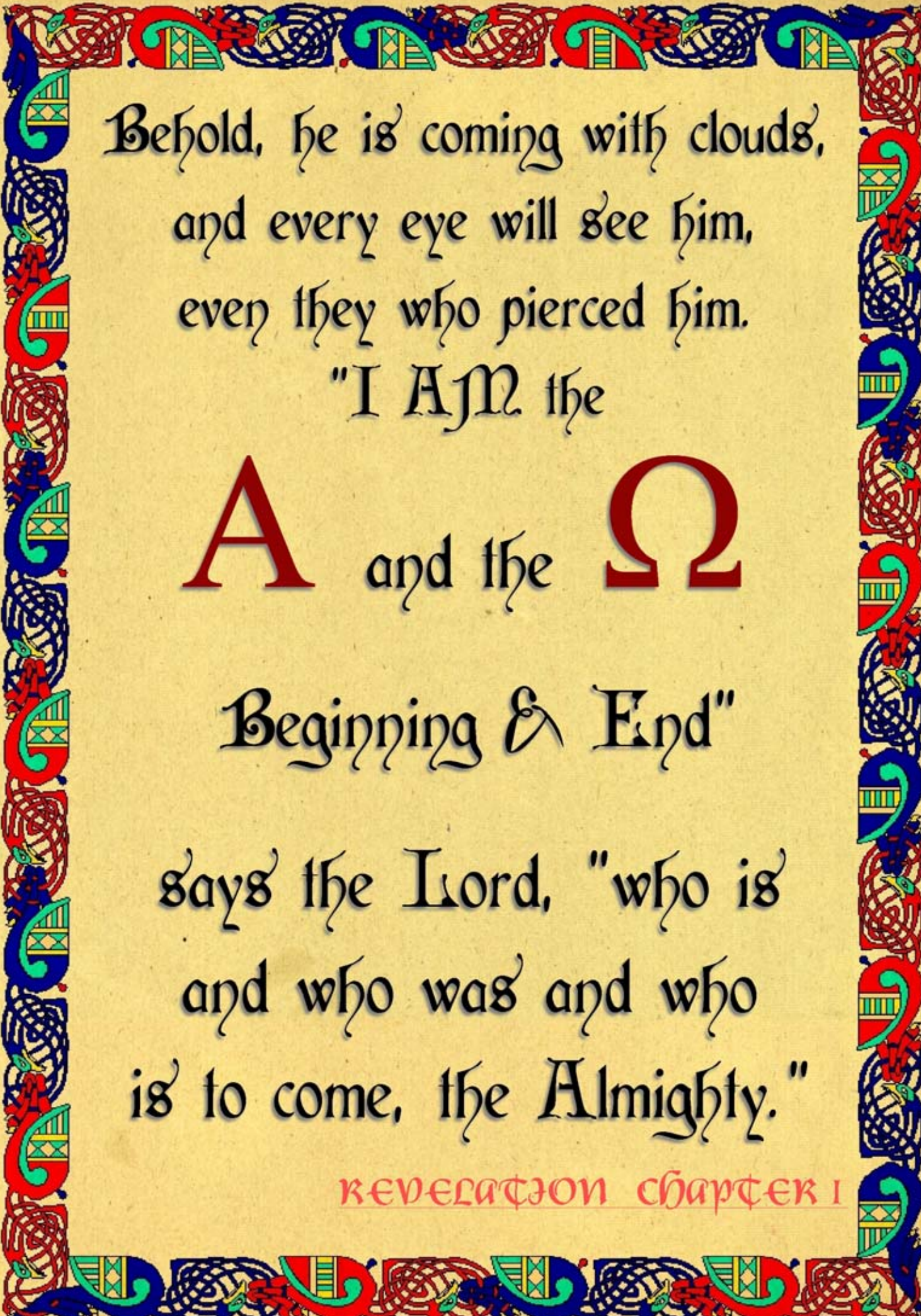
and after my skin is destroyed, this I
know, that in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself.

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from
the west, and his glory from the rising of the
sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the
Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.
"The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who
turn from transgression in Jacob," says the LORD.
Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it
cannot save; nor his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But
your iniquities have separated you from your God; and
your sins have hidden *his* face from you, so that he will
not hear.

'REDEEMER'

The one who paid the necessary price or ransom to deliver an enslaved race from bondage. As far as the holy God is concerned, humanity chose bondage to sin by disobedience and rebellion – and the wages of sin is death. People who are spiritually 'dead' and enemies of God cannot redeem themselves. So the Son of God entered the world (that he had created) as one of us, a human being – yet without sin because he was not born of the seed of Adam. Nevertheless, as a man he died a sinner's death taking our place and as our substitute. His death paid the ransom acceptable to God to release us from 'bondage' and make 'new creations'.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of his will, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times he might gather together in one all things in Christ. Not with the blood of goats and calves [the sacrificial system], but with his own blood he entered the Most Holy Place [the inner sanctum of the Temple] once for all, having obtained eternal redemption [for all who put their trust in Jesus Christ and accept his sacrifice].



Behold, he is coming with clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even they who pierced him.

"I AM the

A and the **Ω**

Beginning & End"

says the Lord, "who is
and who was and who
is to come, the Almighty."

REVELATION CHAPTER I

'THE A & Ω, BEGINNING & END'

As Jesus said to the Jewish religious leaders, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was I AM!"

He is the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet, and all the endless knowledge held in its manifold combinations into words, languages and tongues. He is the beginning and source of all knowledge and wisdom, and he will bring to an end all that offends, profanes and blasphemes God.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn [pre-eminent one] over all creation. For by him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things consist. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that was made. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own did not receive him. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

He who dwells in the
secret place of the

MOST high

shall abide under the
shadow of the

ALMighty.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In *their* hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. [Quoted as a temptation to Jesus in the wilderness by Satan, Luke 4, 10 & 11].

PSALMS CHAPTER 91

'MOST HIGH & ALMIGHTY'

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority [power] has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when he [Jesus] stepped out on the land, there met him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me!"

Behold, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him, even they who pierced [crucified] him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*" says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Finally, there is laid up for me
the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the

RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

will give to me on that Day,
and not to me only but also
to all who have loved
his appearing.

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord
Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead
at his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the
word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. For the
time will come when they will not endure sound
doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because*
they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves
teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the
truth, and be turned aside to fables.

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'RIGHTEOUS JUDGE'

The eternal holy one who has ultimate authority and power to determine both destiny and final destination of every human being – about whom he knows everything, including the intentions and motivations of every heart!

To the church in Corinth the Apostle Paul wrote, 'For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.' If this is the situation for believers, those who reject Christ and make his blood of no account will have no hope!

Jesus talking to the religious leaders said, "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgement to the Son, that all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in him who sent me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgement, but has passed from death into life. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is righteous, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the Father who sent me.

“Behold the



of



who takes away the sin of the world!

This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who is preferred before me, for he was before me.' I did not know him; but that he should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

And John [the Baptist] bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and he remained upon him. I did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

'LAMB OF GOD'

Human sin is abhorrent to God. To the first human (Adam) he said, 'creation is yours to manage and enjoy, but don't touch the one thing I tell you, because if you do you will die!' Not only did we – humanity with Adam's nature – disobey God, we also handed our allegiance over to a usurper in whose lap the whole world now lies.

God said – and he cannot lie – that death (spiritual and physical) will be the consequence of sin. The sacrificial system substituted the death of an innocent animal in place of human sin. In its ultimate form, for God to forgive the sins of humanity and restore the fellowship he desires required the ultimate sacrifice to get even one human being into God's kingdom. The only sacrifice acceptable to God the Father was that of his sinless, spotless Son – who became one of us, lived our human life yet without any sin of his own, and died in our place to propitiate God's wrath against sin so that a Way was made to restore peace. In the Father's 'eyes', the blood shed for us by the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ his Son, justifies all who believe in him as Lord and Saviour. Old and New Testament Scriptures reveal the Lamb.

Isaiah 53: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgement, and who will declare his generation? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of my people he was stricken. And they made his grave with the wicked—but with the rich at his death, because he had done no violence, nor *was any* deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he has put *him* to grief. When you make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see the labour of his soul, *and* be satisfied. By his knowledge my righteous Servant shall justify many, for he shall bear their iniquities.

Hebrews 9: But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which* are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that he should offer himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—he then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, he has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for him he will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

1 Peter 1: And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

King of kings

Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, *saying*, "Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us."

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then he shall speak to them in his wrath, and distress them in his deep displeasure: "Yet I have set my King on my holy hill of Zion."

Lord of lords

I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to me, 'You *are* my Son, today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give *you* the nations *for* your inheritance, and the ends of the earth *for* your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish *in* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in him.

PSALMS CHAPTER 2

'KING OF KINGS'

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [or Father of Eternity], Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there will* be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

"I [Daniel] watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days [God] was seated; his garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; a fiery stream issued and came forth from before him. A thousand thousands ministered to him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

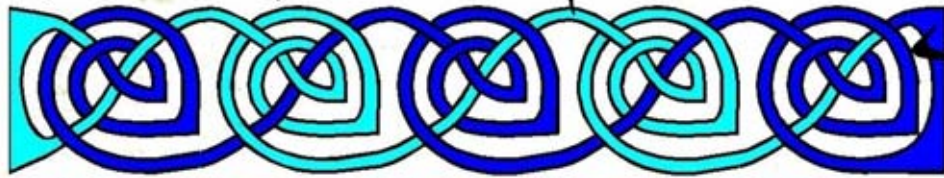
'LORD OF LORDS'

I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *one* like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He [Jesus Christ] came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. Then to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *the one* which shall not be destroyed."

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And he who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except himself. He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed him on white horses. Now out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should strike the nations. And he himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he has on *his* robe and on his thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The LORD is my



SHEPHERD



I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PSALMS CHAPTER 23

'SHEPHERD'

"Son of man [Ezekiel], prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. So they were scattered because *there was no shepherd*; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, my flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching *for them*."

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know my *sheep*, and am known by my own. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold [Israel]; them also I must bring, and they will hear my voice; and there will be one flock *and one shepherd*."

The first man was of the earth,
made of dust, the



is the Lord from heaven.

And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam [Christ] became a life-giving spirit. As was the *man* of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *man*, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *man*. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

'THE SECOND MAN'

But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other *grain*. But God gives it a body as he pleases, and to each seed its own body.

So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go
through them, *and* I will praise the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD, through which the
righteous shall enter.

I will praise you, for you have answered me,
and have become my salvation. The

STONE

which the builders rejected has become the

CHIEF CORNERSTONE.

This was the LORD'S doing; it *is* marvellous in
our eyes. This *is* the day the LORD has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of
the LORD!

PSALMS CHAPTER 118

'STONE/CORNERSTONE'

Therefore hear the word of the LORD,
you scornful men, who rule this people who are in
Jerusalem, therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

"Behold, I lay in Zion a

STONE

for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious

CORNERSTONE,

a sure foundation; whoever believes will
not act hastily. Also I will make justice the
measuring line, and righteousness the plummet;
the hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the
waters will overflow the hiding place.

"You [King Nebuchadnezzar] watched while
a **STONE** was cut out without hands, which
struck the image [a statue of world kingdoms] on
its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.
Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver,
and the gold were crushed together, and became
like chaff from the summer threshing floors;
the wind carried them away so that no trace of
them was found. And the **STONE** that struck the
image became a great mountain and filled
the whole earth."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The **STONE** which the builders rejected has become the **CHIEF CORNERSTONE**. This was the **LORD'S** doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes'?

Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

And whoever falls on this **STONE** will be broken; but on whomever it falls, [himself] it will grind him to powder."

Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitudes, because they took him for a prophet.

For through him [Christ] we both [Jews & Gentiles] have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Jesus Christ himself
being the **CHIEF CORNERSTONE**,
in whom the whole building, being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord,
in whom you also are being built together for
a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Coming to him [Christ] as to a **LIVING STONE**,
rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and
precious, you also, as living stones, are
being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood,
to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.

Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,
"Behold, I lay in Zion a **CHIEF**
CORNERSTONE, elect, precious, and he who
believes on him will by no means be put to shame."
Therefore, to you who believe, *he is precious*; but
to those who are disobedient, "The **STONE** which
the builders rejected has become the **CHIEF**
CORNERSTONE," and "a **STONE** of
stumbling and a rock of offence."
They stumble, being disobedient to the word,
to which they also were appointed.

therefore we also, since we are
surrounded by so great a cloud
of witnesses, let us lay aside
every weight, and the sin which
so easily ensnares us, and let
us run with endurance the race
that is set before us, looking
unto Jesus, the

AUTHOR

AND

FINISHER

of our faith, who for the joy
that was set before him
endured the cross,
despising the shame,

AND HAS SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT
HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.
FOR CONSIDER HIM WHO ENDURED
SUCH HOSTILITY AGAINST HIMSELF,
LEST YOU BECOME WEARY.

So also Christ did not glorify himself to become High Priest, but *it was he [God the Father]* who said to him: "You are my Son, today I have begotten you." And having been perfected, he became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him." Who, in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to him who was able to save him from death, though he was a Son, *yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered.*

Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. And for this reason he is the Mediator of the new covenant [*grace*], by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant [*law*], that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

HEBREWS CHAPTERS 12, 5 & 9

'AUTHOR'

"Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades [death] shall not prevail against it."

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

'FINISHER'

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep [died], lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

And I [Paul the apostle] thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because he counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. *This is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on him for everlasting life.

"not everyone who says to me,

LORD LORD

shall enter the kingdom of heaven,
But he who does the will of my
father in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!

You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his Master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other."

'LORD, MASTER'

In Hebrew 'Adoni or Adonai'; in Greek 'Kyrios or Kurios'. The one to whom everything and everyone belongs. The one who, in the beginning, created everything and then, as a man, purchased back fallen humanity, because of his great love for us.

Namely: But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. And if you call on the Father, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

And I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. **A**nd no one was able to open the scroll. **B**ut one said to me, "**D**o not weep. **B**ehold, the



of the tribe of



the **R**oot of **D**avid, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Then he [Christ] came and took the scroll out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

Now when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation."

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honour and glory and blessing!"

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honour and glory and power be to him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

REVELATION CHAPTER 5

'LION OF JUDAH'

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*. This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man *was*, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. For *it is* evident that our Lord [Jesus Christ] arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For he [God] testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days: Judah *is* a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; and as a lion, who shall rouse him? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh [Messiah] comes; and to him *shall be* the obedience of the people."

So the LORD God said to the serpent [Satan]:

"Because you have done this, you *are* cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

The virgin's name was Mary.

And having come in, the angel said to her,
"Rejoice, highly favoured one, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women!"

But when she saw him, she was troubled
at his saying, and considered what manner
of greeting this was.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you have found favour with God.
And behold, you will conceive in your womb
and bring forth a Son, and shall call
his name JESUS. He will be great, and will
be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God
will give him the throne of his father David.
And he will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be,
since I do not know a man?" And the angel
answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will
come upon you, and the power of the Highest
will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One
who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of me [Jesus]. But you are not willing to come to me that you may have life.

I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honour from one another, and do not seek the honour that *comes* from the only God?"

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to
the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted him
and given him the name which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
of those in heaven, and of those on earth,
and of those under the earth, and *that every*
tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;
only he who now restrains *will do so* until
he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one
will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume
with the breath of his mouth and destroy with the
brightness of his coming.

The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the
working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying
wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among
those who perish, because they did not receive the
love of the truth, that they might be saved.

For whom he foreknew, he also
predestined to be conformed to the
image of his Son, that he might be the



among many brethren.

He is the image of the invisible God, the



over all creation.

For by him all things were created that
are in heaven and that are on earth,
visible and invisible,

All things were created through him
and for him. And he is before all things
and in him all things consist.

And he is the head of the body,
the church, who is the beginning, the



from the dead, that in all things he
may have the pre-eminence.

ROMANS & COLOSSIANS CHAPTERS 8 & 1

'FIRSTBORN'

In Hebrew, Greek and Roman culture, the pre-eminent one, the one who inherits the 'estate' and all it entails from the Father. The first one to come back from the dead to an eternal and endless life, enthroned as creator, saviour and ruler of heaven and earth.

"For there is born to you this
day in the city of David a



who is Christ the Lord.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of
our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share with
me in the sufferings for the gospel according to
the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a
holy calling, not according to our works, but according
to his own purpose and grace which was given to us in
Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been
revealed by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who has abolished death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel, to which I was
appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the
Gentiles.

LUKE & 22 TIMOTHY CHAPTERS 2 & 1

Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgement of the truth which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested his word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Saviour; to Titus, a true son in *our* common faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for himself *his* own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that having been justified by his grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as his divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust. For he who lacks these things is short-sighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. By this we know that we abide in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which he has testified of his Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of his Son.

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgement on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to God our Saviour, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

‘SAVIOUR’

One who saves or delivers or redeems from ‘bondage’ – in the context of the Holy Bible from bondage to sin and the death experienced by the whole human race since the first man disobeyed God and gave ‘our’ allegiance to the usurper Satan (the serpent of old). Jesus means ‘saviour’ or ‘God saves’ – and he delivered ‘us’ by taking our punishment for sin upon himself.

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who gave himself for us, that he might
redeem us from every lawless deed and
purify for himself his own special people,
zealous for good works.

But to the Son he says, "Your throne, O



is forever and ever; a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom." And, "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain, and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak you will fold them up, and they will be changed but you are the same, and your years will not fail."

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was



He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him and
without him nothing was made
that was made.

He was in the world, and the world was
made through him, and the world did
not know him. And the Word became
flesh and dwelt among us, and we
beheld his glory, the glory as of the
only begotten of the Father.

And without controversy great is the
mystery of godliness:



was manifested in the flesh,
justified in the Spirit, seen by
angels, preached among the Gentiles,
believed on in the world,
received up in glory.

And he said to me, "It is done! I am
the Alpha and the Omega, the
Beginning and the End. He who
overcomes shall inherit all things,
and I will be his God and he shall
be my son."



BUT, BELOVED, DO NOT FORGET THIS
ONE THING, THAT WITH THE



THE DAY IS AS A THOUSAND YEARS,
AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS THE DAY.

THE



IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE,
BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME
AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT.



¹¹BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR
AND KNOCK, IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE
AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN TO
DINE WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME. TO HIM
WHO OVERCOMES I WILL GRANT TO SIT
WITH ME ON MY THRONE, AS I ALSO
OVERCAME AND SAT DOWN
WITH MY FATHER ON HIS THRONE.

THESE THINGS SAYS THE



THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE WITNESS,
THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION
OF GOD.¹¹

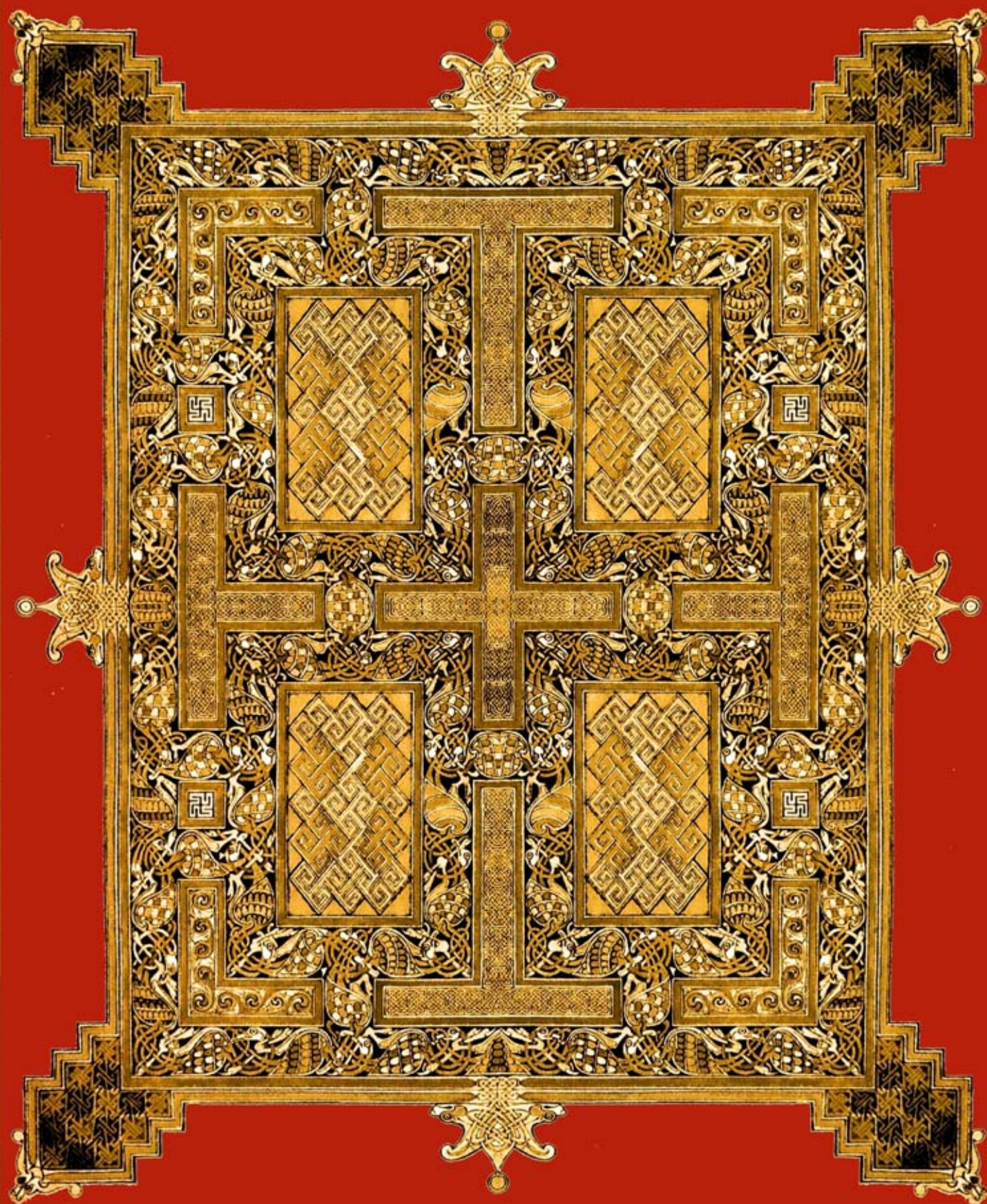


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the Father.







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