



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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REVELATION

CHAPTERS 1 TO 22

Chapter 1

John, the beloved, on Patmos so rough,
Visions a future both lovely and tough,
Sees our dear Lord in His splendor and worth;
Stunned, he collapses and falls to the earth.

Chapter 2

Start writing letters, to Ephesus first.
Smyrna is next, show their best and their worst.
Pergamos follows, a great danger lurks.
Then Thyatira, for God knows their works.

Chapter 3

Sardis is next, she who lives and is dead.
Then Philadelphia, weak and bestead.
Laodicea, so lukewarm and dull.
Overcome boldly and reap to the full.

Chapter 4

Doorway, and trumpet, and rainbow, and throne.
Twenty-four elders, then bright lightning shone.
Four beasts give honor to Him that does shine,
Eagle, and man, and a calf, and a lion.

Chapter 5

Little book: written within, seven sealed.
Who dares to open, that all is revealed?
Judah's great lion, as a lamb that is slain,
Dares to proceed in His own worthy name.

Chapter 6

Four seals are opened, now hear the sad wail.
Horses now enter: white, red, black, and pale.
Fifth seal is opened, and martyrs ask why.
Sixth seal, an earthquake, and men seek to die.

Chapter 7

Four angels standing, the winds held in hand.
Twelve-dozen thousand are sealed with His brand.
Then countless numbers all bloodwashed and white,
Great tribulation's fruit, spotless and bright.

Chapter 8

Last seal is opened, and silence ensues.
Angels with trumpets, and earth gets a bruise.
Four trumpets sound, and proclaim bitter words.
Here comes calamity, portioned in thirds.

Chapter 9

Fifth trumpet: star, key to bottomless pit;
Locusts like horses, to torture unfit.
Sixth trumpet: angels from river do rise,
Merciless army, to garner their prize.

Chapter 10

Angel descends, foot on earth and on sea,
Loudly proclaims, time no longer shall be.
Take little book; chew it up; gulp it down.
Taster will like it, but belly will frown.

Chapter 11

Two prophets rise, to spit fire and bring death;
Killed, lie unburied, ascend from the earth.
Last trumpet sounds, and reward time is here;
Blessing in heaven, while earth is in fear.

Chapter 12

Wonder in heaven, a woman gives birth.
Red dragon, violent, is cast to the earth.
Woman flees dragon; he casts out a flood,
Wars with her seed who are washed in the blood.

Chapter 13

Seven-head beast, with ten horns, does arise.
Second beast comes, doing wonderful lies.
Mankind is branded, or caught in a fix.
Evil beast's number is six-sixty-six.

Chapter 14

Twelve-dozen thousand, with Lamb stand on mount
Men who take mark of beast, sad to recount.
Sickles come forth, and the earth's harvest reap.
Winepress is trodden, and blood flows in street.

Chapter 15

Seven bright angels, with seven last plagues.
Safe overcomer, in orchestra, plays.
Seven white angels, from temple of God.
Seven gold vials, with judgment and rod.

Chapter 16

All seven vials are poured on the earth:
Thirsting and sickness and scorching and dearth.
Dreadful destruction, and hair-raising wail:
Lightning, and thunder, and earthquake, and hail.

Chapter 17

Judgment is falling to trample the whore,
Sitting on waters, and drunken with gore.
Seven-head beast is a seven-hilled town.
Ten horns are rulers, and all are thrown down.

Chapter 18

Babylon falls, with a thundering sound.
Come out, you saints, lest you never be found.
Merchants and seamen are left in dismay.
Lucrative markets are blasted away.

Chapter 19

Shouting in heaven, for Babylon's fall.
Marriage is ready, and out goes the call.
Armies, with white horse and Rider, descend.
Beast and false prophet are burned without end.

Chapter 20

Dragon is bound for a full thousand years.
First resurrection, with shouting and cheers.
Dragon is loosed, to be burned evermore.
Dead all arise to the wages in store.

Chapter 21

Heaven and earth are all new; there's no sea.
Here comes Jerusalem, ever to be.
Holy, and spotless, and wondrously fair,
Bride of the Saviour, this city foursquare.

Chapter 22

River of crystal; the true tree of life.
End of all sickness, and sorrow, and strife.
Enter right now; it will be too late then.
Even so, come dear Lord Jesus. AMEN!