

*THE  
REVELATION OF SAINT JOHN  
AN OPEN BOOK*

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(Sample pages from Parts I, II, III and Index follow)

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks

(1) One like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

(2) 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And

(3) He had in his right hand seven stars: and

(4) Out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and

(5) His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, FEAR NOT;

(6) I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead: and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;

(7) And have the keys of hell and of death.

## FOREWORD TO THE SEVEN-FOLD MESSAGE

### 19 WRITE

The things which thou hast seen, and

The things which are, and

The things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks.

The seven stars

are the angels of the seven churches:

and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest

are the seven churches.

*INTRODUCTION*THE SEVEN-FOLD MESSAGE TO THE  
CHURCHES

Revelation II: 1 to III: 22

*FIRST MESSAGE*2. 1 UNTO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS  
WRITE

*These things saith* HE THAT HOLDETH THE SEVEN STARS  
IN HIS RIGHT HAND, WHO WALKETH IN THE MIDST OF  
THE SEVEN GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS;

2 I KNOW THY WORKS, and thy labour, and thy patience, and  
how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried  
them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them  
liars: 3 and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake  
hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast  
left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent,  
and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and  
will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans,  
which I also hate.

7 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto  
the churches;*

To HIM THAT OVERCOMETH will I give to eat of the tree of life,  
which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

## THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN AN OPEN BOOK

THE Revelation of St. John is no longer a sealed book, because Truth has provided the key which unlocks it. That key is *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy. Mrs. Eddy's other writings throw additional light upon its pages so that Revelation is now an open book.

Briefly, the Revelation of St. John is made up of the introduction, seven visions, and conclusion. The chapter entitled "The Apocalypse" in the Christian Science textbook deals at some length with three of these visions, the third, the fourth and the seventh. It also tells that the seven seals in the second vision are seals of error. (*Science and Health* 572:12)

The textbook also throws light upon the seven vials of wrath constituting the fifth vision. (*Science and Health* 293:24) Mrs. Eddy likewise unravels the meaning of the sixth vision in her spiritual definitions of the terms "Word of God," "angels," "beast and false prophet," "dragon," "resurrection," "Satan," and "Babylon," which are in the sixth vision. A scientific comparison reveals that the first vision (Revelation 4:1 to 5:10) and the opening pages of Recapitulation (*Science and Health*, pp. 465-467) are analogous in their unfoldment.

The above and other writings of our revered Leader throw floods of light upon the book of Revelation. The messages to the seven churches (Revelation 2 and 3) are explained in Mrs. Eddy's *Message for 1900* (pp. 11-14), and the Babylonish woman (Revelation 16:19 to 18:24) is commented upon with great clarity in *Miscellany* (p. 125:29).

The Glossary (*Science and Health* pp. 579-599) contains about 120 Scriptural words, spiritually defined. Seventy-nine of these words apply to the book of Revelation. Thus it is seen that in the light of Mrs. Eddy's writings may be discerned the spiritual interpretation of the Revelation of St. John which Science alone furnishes.

### THE PLACE MRS. EDDY GIVES TO THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN

**T**HE place which Mrs. Eddy gives to the Revelation of St. John is the place which every Christian Scientist should give to this book of the *Bible*. Indicating its importance, she has made the Apocalypse one of the chapters in her textbook on Christian Science, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.

She tells us in the *Message for 1901* (p. 32), that together with the Sermon on the Mount, the Ninety-first Psalm, and the First Commandment, St. John's Revelation educated her thought and prepared her to "receive the Science of Christianity." The Apocalypse as well as Genesis to her is transparent, for it contains "the deep divinity of the Bible." (*Science and Health* 546:18)

Mrs. Eddy gently hints that full acquaintance with the book of Revelation and the right understanding of it is indispensable to the Christian Scientist. She places as one of the texts at the head of the chapter on the Apocalypse, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things, which are written therein: for the time is at hand." (Revelation 1:3) She plainly says that the twelfth chapter "has a special suggestiveness in connection with the nineteenth century" and that the distinctive feature in the opening of the sixth seal has reference to the present

age. (*Science and Health* 559:32) The Revelation of Jesus Christ was the fruitage of the Master's toil, which Mrs. Eddy with keen discernment characterizes as the "spiritually indispensable." (*Message of 1900*, 14:20) Since Mrs. Eddy declares the Revelation to be spiritually indispensable, certainly a loyal follower cannot dispense with it.

In glowing phrases, Mrs. Eddy describes the Revelator as an "immortal scribe of Spirit." (*Science and Health* 571:22) Thus she characterizes the Revelator in terms which command and demand our immediate attention. His allegories have no equal. They are, she says, "the highest criticism on all human action, type, and system." (*Message of 1900*, 11:27) She describes his words as "bursting paraphrases projected from divinity upon humanity." (*Ibid.* 12:1)

Mrs. Eddy gives the book of Revelation a unique place among all the books of the Bible, declaring on page 577 of *Science and Health* that the Revelator's "vision is the acme of this Science as the *Bible* reveals it." Since acme means perfection, the Revelation in its entirety, according to Mrs. Eddy, is nothing less than a perfect treatise on Christian Science. This understanding of the Revelation of St. John makes it an open book.

### THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN

THE theme of "The Revelation of St. John" is the warfare which makes Christian Science manifest in consciousness. The preface (Revelation 1:1-20) gives the Revelator's explanation for his task; the introduction (Revelation 2:1 to 3:22) presents seven conditions in the church which would hinder the manifestation of Christian Science; while the conclusion (Revelation 22:6-19) reveals seven admonitions which forward the manifestation of Christian Science. The seven visions (Revelation 4:1 to 22:5, O.B. 114) set forth the

Scriptural symbolism: the oxen symbolizing the all-knowing God; and the molten sea, God's reflection. (I Kings 7:23-25)

The second beast of the four in the midst and about the throne was "like a calf," correlative with the second great verity of being, - omniscience. (*Science and Health* 587:19)

### III

#### A MAN

(Revelation 4:7, O.B. 147)

"**T**HE third beast had a face as a man." (Revelation 4:7) This word man is the Greek *anthropos*, the same word used in the phrase "Son of man" (Revelation 1:13-16; 14:14); also in chapter 21, where it says, "according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel." It is interesting to note that in Revelation there are six different Greek words translated man.

Of the word man, Mrs. Eddy writes, "In one of the ancient languages the word for *man* is used also as the synonym of *mind*." (*Science and Health* 516:31) Its significance has reference not to personality, but to the expression of the one infinite Person - God. Man, spiritual activity, is the expression of God's presence; therefore, the third living being with a face as a man typifies the third great verity of being, - omnipresence. (*Science and Health* 587:19)

### IV

#### A FLYING EAGLE

(Revelation 4:7, O.B. 147)

**T**HE fourth living being about the throne (Revelation 4:7) was "like a flying eagle." Each of the four living beings have three pairs of wings. In the Scriptures, wings symbolize rapid flight.

**THE WARFARE  
WHICH MAKES CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MANIFEST**

**FOREWORD**

Revelation 1:1 to III:22, '00, 14:9-17

**PREFACE**

- A. John's Testimony to the Revelation
- B. John's Realization of the Revelation
- C. John's Demonstration for the Revelation

**INTRODUCTION**

The Seven-Fold Message to the Church

Rev. 1:1-20

Rev. 1:1-3

Rev. 1:4-8

Rev. 1:9-20

Rev. 2:1 to 3:22

'00, 11:26 to 14:23

**THE SEVEN VISIONS**

Revelation IV :1 to XXII:5, S&amp;H 571:22-18

**I. THE THRONE AND THE LAMB**

Spiritual Sense discerns the truth of being.

Rev. 4:1 to 5:10

S&amp;H 275:6-24

**II. THE SEVEN SEALS OF ERROR**

Christ, Truth, proves the nothingness of matter and the allness of Spirit.

Rev. 5:11 to 8:1

S&amp;H 572:12

**III. THE SEVEN TRUMPETS OF TRUTH**

The proof of matter's nothingness and Spirit's allness produces mental chemicalization, then revelation by woman.

Rev. 8:2 to 11:19

S&amp;H 96:12-23

**IV. THE WOMAN AND THE DRAGON**

Woman's revelation brings forth Christian Science, and error vainly resists it.

Rev. 12:1 to 14:20

S&amp;H 559:32-2

**V. THE SEVEN VIALS OF WRATH**

Resistance to Science induces the plagues of physical sense.

Rev. 15:1 to 18:24

Ret. 80:2-20

**VI. THE SEVEN TRIUMPHS OF TRUTH**

The plagues vanish before the demonstrations of Christian Science.

Rev. 19:1 to 20:15

S&amp;H 22:11-22

**VII. THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH**

The demonstrations of Christian Science make the truth of being manifest in consciousness.

Rev. 21:1 to 22:5

S&amp;H 572:19 to 577:31

**SUMMARY OF THE SEVEN VISIONS****FINAL WORD**

Revelation XXII:6-21

**CONCLUSION**

The Seven-Fold Admonition to the Church

Rev. 22:6-19

S&amp;H 495: 25-19

**BENEDICTION**

- A. Testimony Fulfilled
- B. Realization Confirmed
- C. Demonstration Completed

Rev. 22:20

Rev. 22:20

Rev. 22:21



## *THE SEVENTH VISION*

### **THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH**

THE DEMONSTRATIONS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MAKE THE TRUTH OF  
BEING MANIFEST IN CONSCIOUSNESS

S&H 572:19 to 577:31

#### **Revelation XXI:1 to XXII:5**

- I.** The Revelator sees that New Jerusalem comes from God. Rev. 21:1, 2  
Spiritual sense discerns that the idea of God is made manifest  
in Christian Science. S&H 592:18
- II.** The Revelator sees that the tabernacle of God is with men. Rev. 21:3-5  
Spiritual sense discerns that The First Church of Christ,  
Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, makes Science available  
to mankind. My. 13:4
- III.** The Revelator sees that Christ, Truth, gives the water of life  
Freely to the thirsty. Rev. 21: 6-8  
Spiritual sense discerns that Christian Science supplies spiritual  
power to seekers for Truth. Mis. 113:28
- IV.** The Revelator sees that the City has twelve gates. Rev. 21:9-14  
Spiritual sense discerns that the demonstrations of Principle  
are avenues to Christian Science. S&H 583:5
- V.** The Revelator sees that an angel measures the City with a golden reed.  
Rev. 21:15-27  
Spiritual sense discerns that the Christ man is the standard of  
measurement in Christian Science. S&H 475:5-22
- VI.** The Revelator sees that a pure river proceeds out of the throne of God.  
Rev. 22:1  
Spiritual sense discerns that the inspired word of Truth flows  
from Christian Science. S&H 593:14-17
- VII.** The Revelator sees that the tree of life bears twelve manner of fruits.  
Rev. 22:2  
Spiritual sense discerns that an abundant fruitage is made  
manifest in Christian Science. Ret. 94:28

## THE SEVENTH VISION

### TYPES OF TRUTH

Rev. 21:1 new heaven, new earth  
 Rev. 21:2 holy city, new Jerusalem,  
     bride  
 Rev. 21:3 tabernacle of God  
 Rev. 21:5 he that sat  
 Rev. 21:6 Alpha and Omega, be-  
 ginning and . . end, water of life  
 Rev. 21:9 one. . angels. . vials,  
     Lamb's wife  
 Rev. 21:10 high mountain  
 Rev. 21 :12 wall, twelve gates,  
     twelve angels, names of the chil-  
     dren of Israel  
 Rev.21:14 twelve foundations,  
     twelve apostles, Lamb  
 Rev. 21:15 golden reed  
 Rev. 21:16 foursquare  
 Rev. 21:17 measure of a man  
 Rev. 21:18 pure gold  
 Rev. 21:19 precious stones  
 Rev. 21:21 twelve pearls  
 Rev. 21:22 God and Lamb..  
     temple  
 Rev. 21:24 nations . . saved  
 Rev. 21:26 glory . . of . . nations  
 Rev. 21:27 they which are written,  
     Lamb's book of life  
 Rev. 22:1 pure river, water of life,  
     throne  
 Rev. 22:2 tree of life, twelve manner  
     of fruits, leaves of the tree  
 Rev. 22:3 his servants  
 Rev. 22:4 his name, foreheads  
 Rev. 22:6 prophets

### TYPES OF ERROR

Rev. 21:1 *first heaven, first earth, sea*  
 Rev. 21:4 *tears, death, sorrow, crying,*  
     *pain former things*  
 Rev. 21:8 *the fearful, unbelieving,*  
     *abominable, murderers, whore-*  
     *mongers, sorcerers, idolaters, liars,*  
     *second death*  
 Rev. 21 :23 *sun, moon*  
 Rev. 21 :25 *night*  
 Rev. 21:27 *any thing that defileth,*  
     *whatsoever worketh abomination,*  
     *maketh a lie*  
 Rev. 22:2 *the nations*  
 Rev. 22:3 *curse*  
 Rev. 22:5 *candle, sun*

**TEXT**

*A new heaven and a new earth.*

Rev. 21:1

*New Jerusalem.* Rev. 21:2

*As a bride adorned.* Rev. 22:2, 9

*Tabernacle of God with men.*

Rev. 21:3

*All things new.* Rev. 21:5

*Alpha and Omega.* Rev. 21:6

*A great and high mountain.*

Rev. 21:9, 10

*A wall great and high.* Rev. 21:12\“

*Twelve gates.* Rev. 21:12

*A golden reed..* Rev. 21:15“

*The Lamb's book of life.* Rev. 21:27

*Twelve manner of fruits.* Rev. 22:2

*No more curse.* Rev. 22:3

*Summary of the seven visions.*

Rev. 22:3-5

**EXPLANATION**

Spiritual, not material, consciousness. S&H 573:5

See S&H 592:18

Christian Science demonstrated. S&H 561:8

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

My. 13:4, Man. 19:1

The renewal of Spirit.

Rom. 12:2, S&H 241:13-27

Greek A and Z - the beginning and the ending. All-in-all.

S&H 127 :4-22, S&H 502:24  
Spiritual understanding.

Isa. 2:2, 3, My. 133:3

Thou shalt call thy walls salvation” Isa. 60:18, S&H 593:20

The demonstrations of Principle.

Isa. 26:2, Mis. 30:12

The measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” Eph.4:13

The Science of being found in the Bible, and restated in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. S&H 110:17, S&H 138:30, My. 257:28

Fruitage of Christian Science healing. S&H 600-700

R.V. "no more anything accursed.”

Christian Science annihilates all error. I Cor. 15:415, S&H 579:15, S&H 589:16, S&H 583:10

**I. GOD AND THE LAMB**

ENTHRONED.

Verse 3

**II. HIS SERVANTS SHALL**

SERVE HIM.

Verse 3

**III. THEY SHALL SEE HIS**

FACE.

Verse 4

**IV. HIS NAME.. .IN THEIR**

FOREHEADS.

Verse 4

**V. NO MORE CURSE.**

Verse 3

**VI. THEY SHALL REIGN**

FOREVER.

Verse 5

**VII THE LORD GOD GIVETH**

THEM LIGHT.

Verse 5

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manifest in Christian Science.

S&H 572:19-12

### CHAPTER XXI

1. 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.

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

**1** *a new heaven* Isa. 65:17, 18,  
II Pet. 3:10-13, S&H 91:1,  
Mis. 21:1  
*new earth* S&H 556:3 *first earth*  
*. . . passed away* Isa. 51:6, S&H  
536:1, S&H 248:29

*no more sea* S&H 39:18-25  
**2** *the holy city* Isa. 52:1  
*new Jerusalem* Heb. 12:22-28,  
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