

REVELATION 1:17b-18

¹⁷... HE LAID HIS RIGHT HAND ON ME, SAYING,
 "FEAR NOT, I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST,
¹⁸AND THE LIVING ONE. I DIED, AND BEHOLD
 I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE, AND I HAVE
 THE KEYS OF DEATH AND HADES."

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FALSE EVIDENCE APPEARING REAL

f.002.tiff

"EACH OF THE SEVEN LETTERS ENDS WITH A
 PROMISE DRAWN FROM THE END OF THE BOOK
 ITSELF. EACH, IN SOME WAY, RELATED TO THE
 WONDERFUL THEME OF ETERNAL LIFE AND
 ETERNAL SECURITY." —MARK DEVER

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JOHN 5:24

TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,
 WHOEVER HEARS MY WORD AND BELIEVES HIM
 WHO SENT ME HAS ETERNAL LIFE.
 HE DOES NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT,
 BUT HAS PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

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"THE TERM 'OVERCOMER' COMES FROM THE GREEK 'NIKE', 'TO CONQUER, PREVAIL, TRIUMPH, OVERCOME.' THIS VERB IS FOUND 28 TIMES IN 24 VERSES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. THIS PRESUPPOSES AND CALLS ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF WAR, CONTESTS, BATTLES, AND CONFLICTS IN MAN'S STRUGGLE WITH EVIL. THE NEW TESTAMENT CLEARLY TEACHES US, AS DOES LIFE ITSELF, THAT WE ARE IN A CONFLICT, INDEED, A HOLY WAR, WITH SPECIFIC ADVERSARIES. EVEN AFTER SALVATION, THE CONFLICT STILL RAGES IN AND AGAINST THE LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN. THIS IS EVERYWHERE EVIDENT IN SCRIPTURE AND SO OBVIOUS IN LIFE THAT ONE HAS TO DENY REALITY TO IGNORE OR DISCLAIM IT." —BIBLE.ORG

f.005.tiff

I JOHN 5:4-5

‘FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD OVERCOMES THE WORLD. AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD—OUR FAITH. ‘WHO IS IT THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD EXCEPT THE ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?

f.006.tiff

"DID WE IN OUR OWN STRENGTH CONFIDE,
OUR STRIVING WOULD BE LOSING,
WERE NOT THE RIGHT MAN ON OUR SIDE,
THE MAN OF GOD'S OWN CHOOSING.
YOU ASK WHO THAT MAY BE?
CHRIST JESUS, IT IS HE;
LORD SABAOOTH HIS NAME,
FROM AGE TO AGE THE SAME;
AND HE MUST WIN THE BATTLE."

—MARTIN LUTHER

f.007.tiff

JOHN 16:33

I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU,
THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE.
IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION.
BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.

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"THE PROMISES MADE TO THE OVERCOMERS
ARE A PART OF THE GREAT SALVATION
PROVIDED BY GOD'S GRACE FOR ALL THOSE
WHO HAVE BEEN REDEEMED THROUGH
FAITH IN CHRIST'S BLOOD." —LEHMAN STRAUSS

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EPHESUS

I. PARADISE IS RESTORED
(REVELATION 2:7)

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REVELATION 2:7b

... TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS I WILL
GRANT TO EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE,
WHICH IS IN THE PARADISE OF GOD.

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LUKE 23:43

AND HE SAID TO HIM,
"TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, TODAY
YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

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SMYRNA

2. DEATH IS DEFEATED
(REVELATION 2:11)

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REVELATION 2:11b

THE ONE WHO CONQUERS WILL NOT
BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH.

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:26

THE LAST ENEMY TO BE DESTROYED
IS DEATH.

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PERGAMUM

3. ACCEPTANCE IS ASSURED
(REVELATION 2:17)

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REVELATION 2:17b

TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS I WILL GIVE SOME
OF THE HIDDEN MANNA, AND I WILL GIVE HIM
A WHITE STONE, WITH A NEW NAME WRITTEN
ON THE STONE THAT NO ONE KNOWS
EXCEPT THE ONE WHO RECEIVES IT.

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EPHESIANS 1:5-7 NKJV

⁵HAVING PREDESTINED US TO ADOPTION AS SONS
BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE
GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL, ⁶TO THE PRAISE
OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE, BY WHICH
HE MADE US ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.

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EPHESIANS 1:5-7 NKJV

⁷IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH
HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE.

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THYATIRA

4. PERPETUAL PEACE IN CHRIST'S
PRESENCE (REVELATION 2:25-28)

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REVELATION 2:25-28

²⁵ONLY HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE
UNTIL I COME. ²⁶THE ONE WHO CONQUERS
AND WHO KEEPS MY WORKS UNTIL THE END,
TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY
OVER THE NATIONS,

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REVELATION 2:25-28

²⁷AND HE WILL RULE THEM WITH A
ROD OF IRON, AS WHEN EARTHEN POTS
ARE BROKEN IN PIECES, EVEN AS I MYSELF
HAVE RECEIVED AUTHORITY FROM MY FATHER.
²⁸AND I WILL GIVE HIM THE MORNING STAR.

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ISAIAH 2:4

HE SHALL JUDGE BETWEEN THE NATIONS, AND
SHALL DECIDE DISPUTES FOR MANY PEOPLES; AND
THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES,
AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS; NATION
SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION,
NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANYMORE.

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HEBREWS 13:8

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME
YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

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SARDIS

5. SPIRITUAL STATUS
(REVELATION 3:5-6)

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REVELATION 3:5

THE ONE WHO CONQUERS WILL BE
CLOTHED THUS IN WHITE GARMENTS,
AND I WILL NEVER BLOT HIS NAME OUT OF
THE BOOK OF LIFE. I WILL CONFESS HIS NAME
BEFORE MY FATHER AND BEFORE HIS ANGELS.

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PHILADELPHIA

6. ETERNAL SECURITY AND JOY
(REVELATION 3:12)

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REVELATION 3:12

THE ONE WHO CONQUERS, I WILL MAKE HIM
A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD.
NEVER SHALL HE GO OUT OF IT, AND
I WILL WRITE ON HIM THE NAME OF MY GOD,

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REVELATION 3:12

AND THE NAME OF THE CITY OF MY GOD,
THE NEW JERUSALEM,
WHICH COMES DOWN FROM MY GOD
OUT OF HEAVEN, AND MY OWN NEW NAME.

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²AND I SAW THE HOLY CITY, NEW
JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF
HEAVEN FROM GOD, PREPARED AS A
BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER
HUSBAND. ³AND I HEARD A LOUD VOICE
FROM THE THRONE SAYING,
“BEHOLD, THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD
IS WITH MAN. HE WILL DWELL WITH
THEM, AND THEY WILL BE HIS
PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE
WITH THEM AS THEIR GOD. ⁴HE WILL WIPE
AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES,
AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE,
NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING,
NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE,
FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE
PASSED AWAY.” —REVELATION 21:2-4

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LAODICEA

7. RIGHTEOUS RULE
(REVELATION 3:21)

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REVELATION 3:21

THE ONE WHO CONQUERS, I WILL GRANT HIM
TO SIT WITH ME ON MY THRONE,
AS I ALSO CONQUERED AND SAT DOWN
WITH MY FATHER ON HIS THRONE.

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ROMANS 8:16-17

¹⁶THE SPIRIT HIMSELF BEARS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, ¹⁷AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS—HEIRS OF GOD AND FELLOW HEIRS WITH CHRIST, PROVIDED WE SUFFER WITH HIM IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED WITH HIM.

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ROMANS 8:37

NO, IN ALL THESE THINGS
WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US.

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"OUR VICTORY IS PARTICIPATION IN HIS VICTORY. IT IS CRITICAL TO REALIZE THAT IN THE SEVEN LETTERS THE VICTORY IS A PROMISE HELD OUT TO ALL OF THEM, EVEN THE WEAK CHURCHES OF SARDIS (3:5) AND LAODICEA (3:21). YET IT MUST BE ACHIEVED (REALIZED) THROUGH PERSEVERANCE...TO BE AN 'OVERCOMER' IN THE ESCHATOLOGICAL WAR DEMANDS A DAY-BY-DAY WALK WITH GOD AND DEPENDENCE ON HIS STRENGTH..."

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THE OVERCOMING THEME IN REVELATION COMBINES PROMISE (GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THOSE WHO PERSEVERE) AND WARNING (GOD'S JUDGMENT ON THOSE WHO FAIL TO PERSEVERE). IN SHORT, OVERCOMING IN REVELATION IS ANALOGOUS TO BELIEVING, REFERRING TO AN ACTIVE TRUST IN GOD THAT LEADS TO FAITHFULNESS IN THE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS OF LIFE LIVED FOR CHRIST." —GRANT OSBORNE

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REVELATION 12:11

AND THEY HAVE CONQUERED HIM BY THE
BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND BY THE WORD
OF THEIR TESTIMONY, FOR THEY LOVED NOT
THEIR LIVES EVEN UNTO DEATH.

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