

Monday November 16th

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

**² For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.**

³ He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.

**⁴ He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

**⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.**

⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.

Revelation 10

Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. ² He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, ³ and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. ⁴ And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."

⁵ Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. ⁶ And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay!" ⁷ But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."

⁹ So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but 'in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.'" ¹⁰ I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. ¹¹ Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings."

Tuesday November 17th

Psalm 52

Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero?
Why do you boast all day long,
you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?

**² You who practice deceit,
your tongue plots destruction;
it is like a sharpened razor.**

³ You love evil rather than good,
falsehood rather than speaking the truth.^[c]

**⁴ You love every harmful word,
you deceitful tongue!**

⁵ Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin:
He will snatch you up and pluck you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.

**⁶ The righteous will see and fear;
they will laugh at you, saying,**

⁷ "Here now is the man
who did not make God his stronghold

but trusted in his great wealth
and grew strong by destroying others!”

**⁸ But I am like an olive tree
flourishing in the house of God;
I trust in God’s unfailing love
for ever and ever.**

⁹ For what you have done I will always praise you
in the presence of your faithful people.

And I will hope in your name,
for your name is good.

Revelation 11: 1-14

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshippers. ² But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. ³ And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” ⁴ They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” ⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. ⁶ They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. ⁷ Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. ⁸ Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. ⁹ For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. ¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

¹¹ But after the three and a half days the breath^[b] of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

¹³ At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴ The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon

Wednesday November 18th

Psalm 56

Be merciful to me, my God,
for my enemies are in hot pursuit;
all day long they press their attack.

**² My adversaries pursue me all day long;
in their pride many are attacking me.**

³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

**⁴ In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?**

⁵ All day long they twist my words;
all their schemes are for my ruin.

**⁶ They conspire, they lurk,
they watch my steps,
hoping to take my life.**

⁷ Because of their wickedness do not^[c] let them escape;
in your anger, God, bring the nations down.

**⁸ Record my misery;
list my tears on your scroll^[d]—
are they not in your record?**

⁹ Then my enemies will turn back
when I call for help.
By this I will know that God is for me.

**¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise,
in the Lord, whose word I praise—**

¹¹ in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can man do to me?

¹² **I am under vows to you, my God;
I will present my thank offerings to you.**

¹³ For you have delivered me from death
and my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life.

Revelation 11: 15-the end

¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven,
which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever.”

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell
on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying:

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
the One who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power
and have begun to reign.

¹⁸ The nations were angry,
and your wrath has come.

The time has come for judging the dead,
and for rewarding your servants the prophets
and your people who revere your name,
both great and small—

and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

¹⁹ Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the
ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of
thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

Thursday November 19th

Psalm 62

Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.

² **Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress; I will never be shaken.**

³ How long will you assault me?
Would all of you throw me down—
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

⁴ **Surely they intend to topple me
from my lofty place;
they take delight in lies.**

**With their mouths they bless,
but in their hearts they curse.**

⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.

⁶ **Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

⁷ My salvation and my honour depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

⁸ **Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.**

Revelation 12: 1-10

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon
under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 2 She was pregnant and
cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. 3 Then another sign appeared in
heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven
crowns on its heads. 4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung
them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to
give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. 5 She gave
birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron
sceptre.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. 6 The woman

fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down. because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.”

Friday November 20th

Psalm 63

You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

**² I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.**

³ Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

**⁴ I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

**⁶ On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.**

⁷ Because you are my help,

I sing in the shadow of your wings.

**⁸ I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

Revelation 13: 1-9

13 The dragon¹ stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. ²The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. ³One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. ⁴People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?”

⁵The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. ⁶It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷It was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.