

The Apocalypse in Rock

Scripture

THE AGE OF THE CHURCH

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come... Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:4-9

THE RAPTURE

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

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i. BERESHITH OVERTURE

ii. LADY GOOD-BYE

Lady of the sky, Where'd you go,
Where'd you fly? To some sweet by and
by? Where only lovers go, One's that
love Him so; Lady Good-bye.

Lady of the sky; Are you climbin' so
high; That you can't hear my cry?
Guess it was your destiny to go where
you are free. Lady good-bye.

Too many empty places. There's one in
my heart. Once were familiar faces.
They're gone now and I'm falling apart.

Lady of the sky, oh Where'd you go,
where'd you fly? Where only lovers go.
Ones that love Him so. Where only
lovers go Ones that love Him so. Lady
good-bye. Lady good-bye.

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i. LOVERS' LEAP

Walking across the sitting-room, I turn
the television off. Sitting beside you, I
look into your eyes. As the sound of
motor cars fades in the night time, I
swear I saw your face change, it didn't
seem quite right.

...And it's hello babe with your
guardian eyes so blue Hey my baby
don't you know our love is true.

Coming closer with our eyes, a distance
falls around our bodies. Out in the gar-
den, the moon seems very bright, Six
saintly shrouded men move across the
lawn slowly. The seventh walks in
front with a cross held high in hand.

...And it's hey babe your supper's wait-
ing for you. Hey my baby, don't you
know our love is true.

I've been so far from here, Far from
your warm arms. It's good to feel you
again, It's been a long long time.
Hasn't it?

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THE TRIBULATION PERIOD BEGINS

Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

Matthew 24:29

THE COMING OF THE ANTICHRIST

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority.

Revelation 13:1-2

One of its heads seemed to have received a death-blow, but its mortal wound had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. 4 They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" *Revelation 13:3-4*

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iii. THE WHISTLER

Narrator: The whistler stands below. The street a crimson glow. A devil's night. A minstrel of empty streets. His song of mourning creeps. A shadow's cry. Closing windows cannot end this omen in the wind. The horsemen ride. And through the starless night, Comes thunder of their flight. A trembling world.

iv. HE'S GONNA' DO A NUMBER ON YOU

Narrator: The morning paper is not the same. A man is smiling, do you know his name? He's shaking hands with the president. It almost seems as though he's heaven sent.

Frenzied crowd : (I'm mad about... I'm mad about you)

Narrator & Chorus: He's gonna' do a number on you (a very strange tattoo!) He's gonna' do a number on you (a very strange tattoo!) Something inside tells you to hide. You cannot decide what to do.

Person in crowd: (Full of wonder) Oh, no! What's wrong? Something's on his face! Crowd: I know it's crazy, but now there's not a trace! (I'm mad about... I'm mad about you)

Narrator & Chorus: He's gonna' do a number on you (a very strange tattoo!) (Gonna' do a number on you) He's gonna' do a number on you (a very strange tattoo!)

Narrator: Something inside tells you to hide. You cannot decide what to do, cannot decide what to... Think of this guy, is there a pie in the sky? I'd hate to imply that I knew...

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ii. THE GUARANTEED ETERNAL SANCTUARY MAN

I know a farmer who looks after the farm. With water clear, he cares for all his harvest. I know a fireman who looks after the fire.

You, can't you see he's fooled you all. Yes, he's here again, can't you see he's fooled you all. Share his peace, Sign the lease. He's a supersonic scientist, He's the guaranteed eternal sanctuary man.

Look, look into my mouth he cries, And all the children lost down many paths, I bet my life you'll walk inside. Hand in hand, gland in gland. With a spoonful of miracle, He's the guaranteed eternal sanctuary man.

We will rock you, rock you little snake, We will keep you snug and warm.

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THE BEAST CONQUERS HIS ENEMIES AND BRINGS PEACE

The beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.

Revelation 13:5-8

THE COMING OF THE FALSE PROPHET

Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all; and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived; and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Revelation 13:11-15

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

Revelation 13:16-18

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Zombie like crowd: He's got a friend, it seems there is no end to the tricks that he'll do, always on cue...

Standing in line, it's so divine. Can we choose the place, my hand or my face?

Computerized clerk: Next, next, next, next...

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iii. IKHNATON AND ITSACON AND THEIR BAND OF MERRY MEN
Wearing feelings on our faces while our faces took a rest, We walked across the fields to see the children of the West, But we saw a host of dark skinned warriors standing still below the ground, Waiting for battle. The fight's begun, they've been released. Killing foe for peace...bang, bang, bang. Bang, bang, bang... And they're giving me a wonderful potion, 'Cos I cannot contain my emotion. And even though I'm feeling good, Something tells me I'd better activate my prayer capsule. Today's a day to celebrate, the foe have met their fate. The order for rejoicing and dancing has come from our war-lord.

iv. HOW DARE I BE SO BEAUTIFUL?
Wandering through the chaos the battle has left, We climb up a mountain of human flesh, To a plateau of green grass, and green trees full of life. A young figure sits still by a pool, He's been stamped "Human Bacon" by some butchery tool. (He is you) Social Security took care of this lad. We watch in reverence, as Narcissus is turned to a flower. A flower?

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AN ILLUSORY PERIOD OF PEACE

When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

1 Thessalonians 5:3

THOSE WHO ARE SAVED IN THE TRIBULATION

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before

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v. BETTER

2nd man:(smugly) Take my groceries and put 'em in the sack, No checks, no cash, don't give me no flack.

Everyone: (with reluctant optimism) It's getting better, so much better.

2nd man:Don't have no worries, don't have no frets,My little number never failed me yet.

Everyone: It's getting better, so much better

Naive woman:I love convenience, I said, it's so keen. He took our money mess, and he swept it clean. He's the wisest man this world has seen. It's getting better... better.

2nd man: Take my groceries and put 'em in the sack, No checks, no cash, don't give me no flack.

Everyone: (It's getting better, so much better

2nd man:Don't have no worries, don't have no frets, My little number never failed me yet.

Everyone: It's getting better, so much better... better... better. Somebody stamp me!

vi. SAIL ME AWAY

3rd man: (Tenderly to his wife)My love, I had a dream last night. I saw a rider on the wind. A stranger to my eyes, Was on the outside lookin' in. And the land he's longing for is on a dim and distant shore of my life.

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v. WILLOW FARM

If you go down to Willow Farm, to look for butterflies, flutterbyes, gutterflies Open your eyes, it's full of surprise, everyone lies, like the focks on the rocks, and the musical box.

Oh, there's Mum & Dad, and good and bad, and everyone's happy to be here. There's Winston Churchill dressed in drag, he used to be a British flag, plastic bag, what a drag. The frog was a prince, the prince was a brick, the brick was an egg, the egg was a bird. (Fly away you sweet little thing, they're hard on your tail) Hadn't you heard? (They're going to change you into a human being!) Yes, we're happy as fish and gorgeous as geese, and wonderfully clean in the morning.

We've got everything, we're growing everything, We've got some in We've got some out We've got some wild things floating about Everyone, we're changing everyone, you name them all, We've had them here, And the real stars are still to appear.

All Change!

Feel your body melt; Mum to mud to mad to dad Dad diddley office, Dad diddley office, You're all full of ball. Dad to dam to dum to mum Mum diddley washing, Mum diddley washing, You're all full of ball. Let me hear you lies, we're living this up to the eyes. Ooee-ooee-ooee-oowaa Momma I want you now.

And as you listen to my voice To look for hidden doors, tidy floors, more applause. You've been here all the time, Like it or not, like what you got, You're under the soil (the soil, the soil), Yes, deep in the soil (the soil, the soil, the soil!). So we'll end with a whistle and end with a bang and all of us fit in our places.

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the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands... Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb..."

Revelation 7:9-15

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of lords." *Revelation 19:11-16*

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against the rider on the horse and against his army. And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed in its presence the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. And the rest were killed by the sword of the rider on the horse, the sword that came from his mouth; and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Revelation 19:17,19-21

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My love, I heard a pilgrim's call. I saw it was forsaking all. I cried because I knew (yes I know) It meant my leaving you. But the riches that I gain outweigh the losses that remain in my life.

(To the Lord)Chorus:

Sail me away (I want to go with you)
Sail me away (sail away, sail away, sail away) (Repeat three times) (To his wife)
My love the man is older now. Yet wisdom was the guiding light that led him on to foreign lands (far away). Though he's never left your side and the treasure that I bare is now all I seek to share in my life.

Repeat chorus

vii. POSSE IN THE SKY

Narrator: And when the faithful disappear. The world will take it's final turn. The showdown's exactly what some fear. Millions die, the land is burned.

Chorus:Then suddenly there is a cry. Ooh ooh, look up! Look up! Here comes the posse in the sky! On white horses to judge the earth. Posse in the sky is surely comin' down. And He who rides the leading steed has the name Faithful and True. Lord of Lords and King of Kings (Son of God is He) He's come to make the world brand new.

Chorus:But first all evil has to die "Judgement day draws nigh!" So cries the posse in the sky

Bad guys are rounded up and bound. Posse in the sky is surely comin' down Ooh, posse in the sky is surely comin' down Ooh, posse in the sky is surely comin' down.

And when they look upon Him whom they have pierced And they shall mourn for Him as for an only Son. And they shall weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born Son.

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vi. APOCALYPSE IN 9/8

(CO-STARRING THE DELICIOUS TALENTS OF GABBLE RATCHET)
With the guards of Magog, swarming around, The Pied Piper takes his children underground. Dragons coming out of the sea, Shimmering silver head of wisdom looking at me. He brings down the fire from the skies, You can tell he's doing well by the look in human eyes. Better not compromise. It won't be easy.

666 is no longer alone, He's getting out the marrow in your back bone, And the seven trumpets blowing sweet rock and roll, Gonna blow right down inside your soul. Pythagoras with the looking glass reflects the full moon, In blood, he's writing the lyrics of a brand new tune.

And it's hey babe, with your guardian eyes so blue, Hey my baby, don't you know our love is true, I've been so far from here, Far from your loving arms, Now I'm back again, and babe it's gonna work out fine.

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THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB/THE MILLENNIUM BEGINS
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. *Revelation 22:1-4*

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly in midheaven, "Come, gather for the great supper of God." *Revelation 19:18*

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." *Revelation 7:15*

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viii. SOON
And the river flows from the throne of God, Passing by the tree of life. And in this place no candle burns, for the Lamb shall be our light. See the Holy city coming down from heaven. Here, there'll be no tears, no night. We shall reign with Him in raiment shining bright.

(Chorus) And we say "Come Lord!" (Jesus quickly come). And he says "My reward is with Me." And we say "Come Lord!" (Jesus quickly come). And He says "I am the first and last. "The Bride cries "Even so, oh when will my Love return?" We say "Come Lord!" And He says "Soon!"

We will see His face, He will speak our name. And He'll wipe our tears away. He shall be our God, we shall be his own. And His love will light our way. There will be no sorrow, there will be no mourning. Death is vanquished on that day. "So come quickly Lord," the Bride and Spirit say

(Chorus)

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vii. AS SURE AS EGGS IS EGGS (ACHING MEN'S FEET) Can't you feel our souls ignite Shedding ever changing colours, in the darkness of the fading night, Like the river joins the ocean, as the germ in a seed grows We have finally been freed to get back home.

There's an angel standing in the sun, and he's crying with a loud voice, "This is the supper of the mighty one", Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Has returned to lead his children home, To take them to the new Jerusalem.