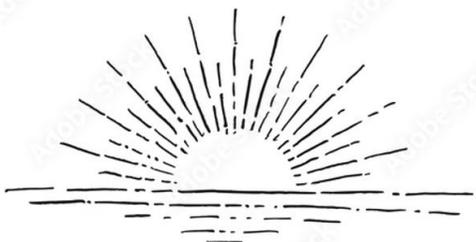




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An overview

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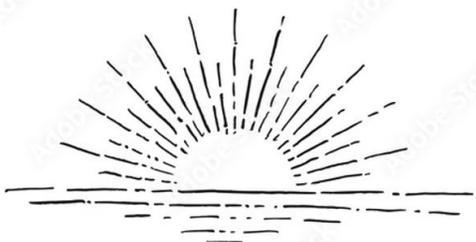


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apokalypsis =
disclosure, making
previously unknown
things known

The revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him
to show to His servants
the things that must soon take place.

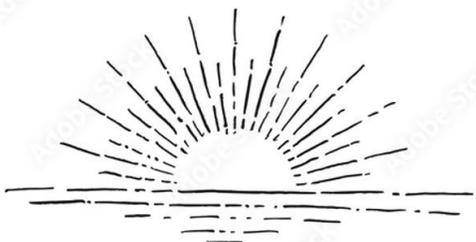
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The sign of the woman...

And a great sign appeared **in heaven**:
a woman

- clothed with **the sun**,
- with **the moon** under her feet, and
- on her head a crown of **twelve stars**.

A crown of honour

Genesis 37:9-10 ?

She was pregnant
and was crying out in birth pains
and the **agony** of giving birth.

(Revelation 12:1-2)

Torture, torment



The woman is Israel

The sign of the dragon...

And another sign appeared in heaven:
behold, **a great red dragon**,

- with seven heads and ten horns,
- and on his heads seven diadems.

Power and
dominion

His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven
and cast them to the earth.

And the dragon stood before the woman
who was about to give birth,
so that when she bore her child
he might devour it.

(Revelation 12:3-4)



The dragon is Satan

The Child is born, the woman flees...

She gave birth to a male child,
one who is **to rule all the nations with a rod of iron**,
but her child was caught up **to God and to His throne**,
and the woman fled into the wilderness,
where she has **a place prepared by God**,
in which she is to be **nourished** for 1,260 days.

(Revelation 12:5-6)

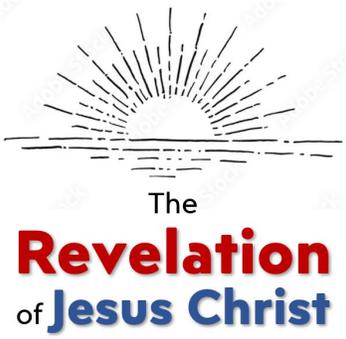
Psalm 2:9
(Revelation 2:27)
Revelation 19:15

When?

3½ years



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War in heaven...

Now war arose in heaven,
Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.

And the dragon and his angels fought back,
but he was defeated, and there was no longer
any place for them in heaven.

And the great dragon was thrown down,
that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan,
the deceiver of the whole world—
he was thrown down to the earth,
and **his angels** were thrown down with him.

(Revelation 12:7-9)

1 John 5:19

Demons, evil spirits

The victory of the saints...

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying...

Now the **salvation** and the **power**
and the **kingdom of our God** and
the **authority of His Christ**
have come,
for the accuser of our brethren
has been thrown down...

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.

(See Revelation 12:10-11)

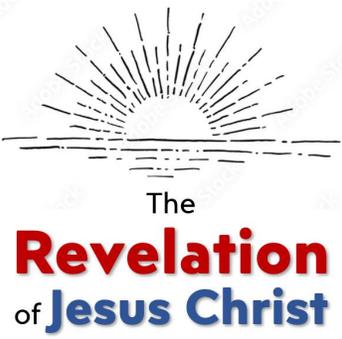
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And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying...

Therefore, **rejoice, O heavens**
and you who dwell in them!

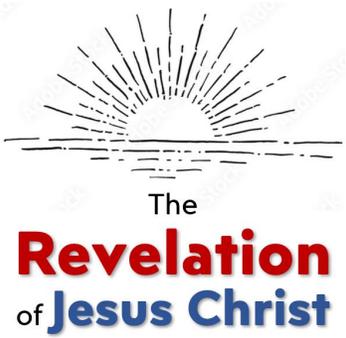
But woe to you, O earth and sea,
for the devil has come down to you
in great wrath,
because he knows that
his time is short!

(See Revelation 12:12)



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The dragon persecutes the woman...

And when **the dragon** saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

But the woman was given **the two wings of a great eagle** so that she might fly **from the serpent** into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

Exodus 19:4

3½ years

(Revelation 12:13-14)

The dragon persecutes the woman...

The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with **a flood**.

Psalm 32:6-7
Isaiah 59:19

Romans 8:22

But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that **the dragon** had poured from his mouth.

(Revelation 12:15-16)

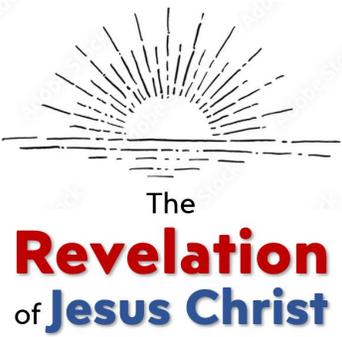
The dragon goes to war...

Is this you?

Then **the dragon** became furious with the woman and went off **to make war** on the rest of her offspring, on those who **keep the commandments of God** and **hold to the testimony of Jesus**.

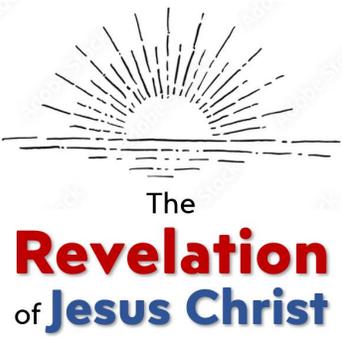
(Revelation 12:17)

It is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.
(Galatians 3:7)



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The first beast

thērion = a wild or dangerous animal

“...four great beasts came up from the sea...”

(Daniel 7:3)

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea...

...the beast ... was like a leopard,
his feet were like the feet of a bear,
and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.

And to it the dragon gave his **power**
and his **throne** and great **authority**.

(Revelation 13:1-2)

The first beast

An act of reverence, to a man or God.

One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and **the whole earth marveled** as they followed the beast.

And **they worshiped the dragon**, for he had given his authority to the beast, and **they worshiped the beast**, saying,

Or “him”

“Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

(Revelation 13:3-4)

The first beast

And the beast was given a mouth uttering **proud and blasphemous words**, and it was allowed to exercise authority for 42 months.

3½ years

It opened its mouth to utter **blasphemies** against God, blaspheming His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

Also **it was given to it to make war** on the saints and **to conquer them**.

Revelation 12:17

(Revelation 13:5-7)

The 5th seal...
Revelation 6:9-11

The first beast

And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and **all who dwell on earth will worship it**, everyone whose name has not been written **before the foundation of the world** in the Book of Life **of the Lamb who was slain**.

(Revelation 13:7-8)

See also
Revelation 17:8

The first beast

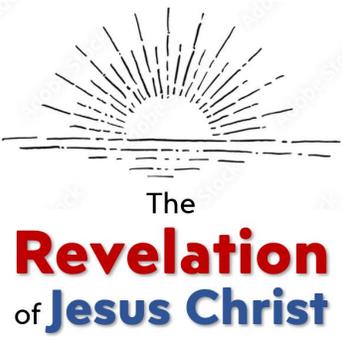
If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

If anyone is to be taken captive,
to captivity he goes;

if anyone is to be slain with the sword,
with the sword must he be slain.

**Here is the endurance
and the faith of the saints.**

(Revelation 13:9-10)



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The second beast

The false prophet
(Revelation 19:20)

Then I saw another beast rising 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 in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

(Revelation 13:11-12)

The second beast

It performs great signs,
even making fire come down from heaven...
and **by the signs** that it is allowed to work...
it deceives those who dwell on earth,
telling them to make an image for the beast...

And it was allowed to give breath
to the image of the beast...

(Revelation 13:13-15)



The second beast

*If anyone worships the beast and his image,
and **receives his mark** on his forehead or
on his hand, he himself shall also drink
of **the wine of the wrath of God...***

(Revelation 14:9-10)

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 unless he has the mark,
that is, **the name of the beast** or **the number of its name.**

(Revelation 13:16-17)

The first beast

Here is wisdom.

Let the one who has understanding
calculate the number of the beast,
for it is **the number of a man**
and his number is **666**.

Or “man’s number”

(Revelation 13:18)

The first beast

The second beast

Who or what are these beasts?

- Any government or system opposed to God's people?
- Two specific individuals who appear at the end of the age?
- Both of the above?

The antichrist, a man...

The **man** of sin,
the **son** of perdition
(2 Thessalonians 2:3)

And then **the lawless one** will be revealed,
whom the **Lord Jesus** will kill with the breath of His mouth
and bring to nothing by the appearance of His coming.

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of **Satan**
with all power and **false signs and wonders**,
and with all **wicked deception** for those who are perishing,
because **they refused** to love the truth **and so be saved**.

(2 Thessalonians 2:8-10)

The spirit of antichrist...

Every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.

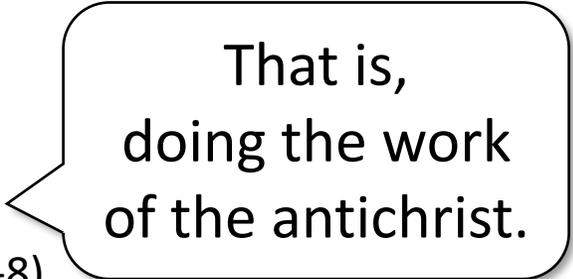
And **this is the spirit of the Antichrist**, which you have heard was **coming**, and is **now** already in the world.

(1 John 4:3)

Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh.

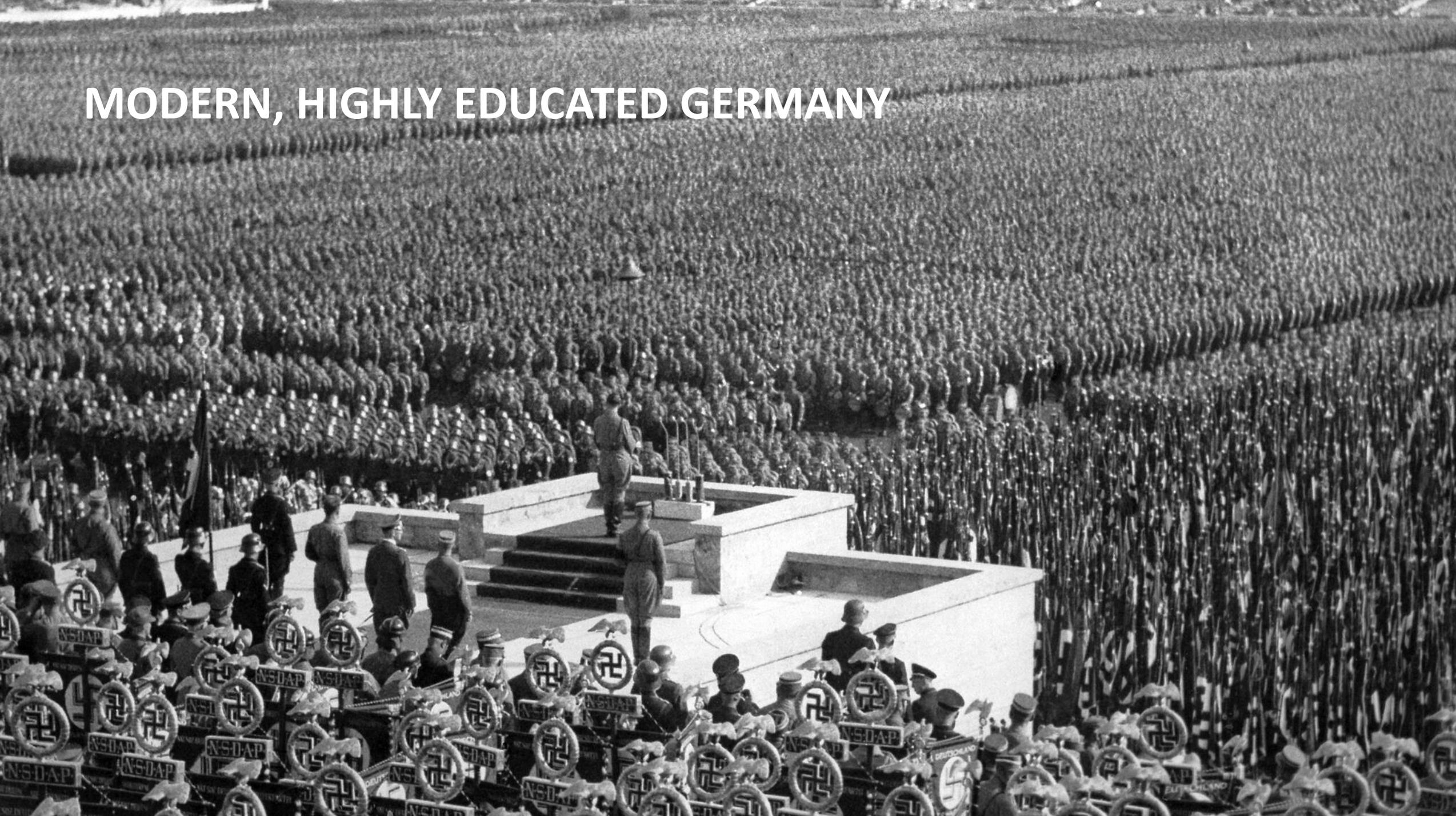
Such a one is **the deceiver** and **the antichrist**.

(2 John 1:7-8)



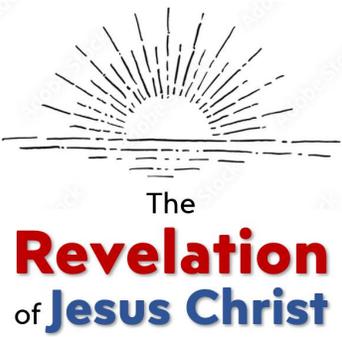
That is, doing the work of the antichrist.

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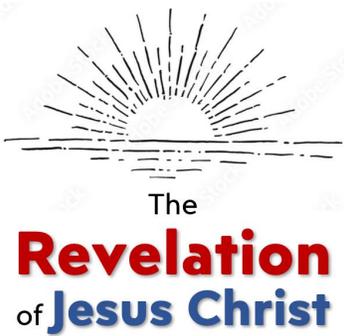


He deceives those who dwell on earth.



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- Trials and opposition will also be our experience in this life
- If we believe the Scripture, we shall not be deceived



Therefore...

*Therefore, **watch**,
for you do not know
on what day
your Lord is coming.
(Matthew 24:42)*

- How can we be **ready** for the end times and the Lord's return?
- How can we be faithful when we are **a despised minority**?
- What should we do **now** to be ready?

Make every effort to add to your faith
virtue... knowledge... self-control... steadfastness...
godliness... brotherly affection... love.
(2 Peter 1:5-7)

Let us consider how to
stir up one another
to love and good works...
and all the more as you
see the Day drawing near.
(Hebrews 10:24-25)



Blessed is he who **reads** and those who **hear**
the words of this prophecy,
and **keep** those things which are written in it;
for the time is near.

(Revelation 1:3)