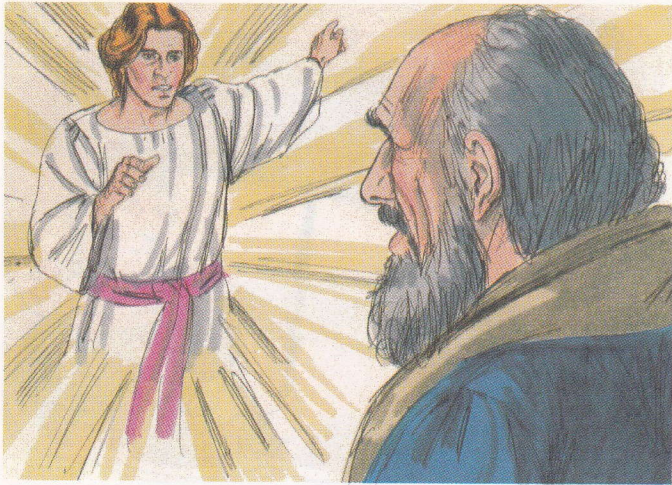
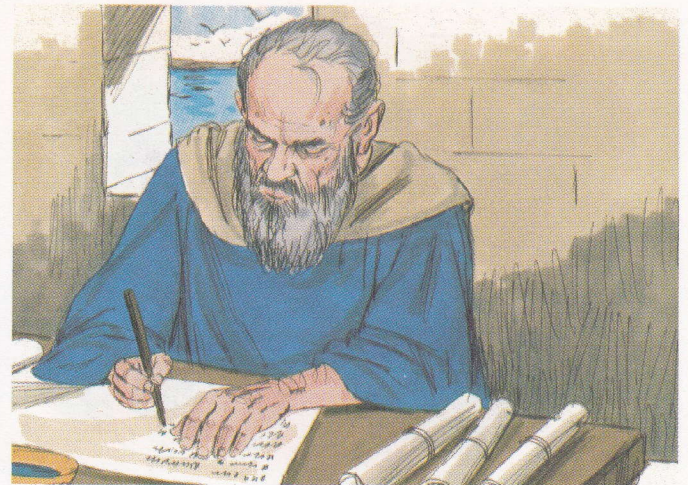


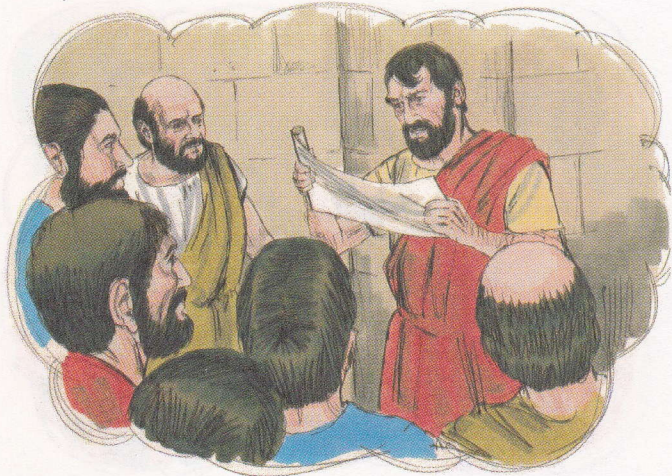
The Revelation of John



1 John had been exiled to a small island called Patmos because he preached the word of God. One day God sent an angel to show John what must soon take place.



2 A voice said, "Write down what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."



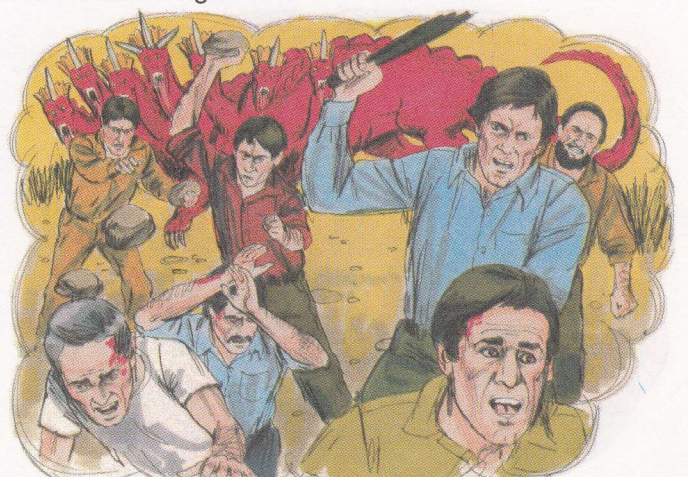
3 John wrote these words of the Lord to the church in Smyrna: "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Be faithful even unto death and I will give you the crown of life."



4 Then John saw God on his throne and the Lamb of God beside him. He was shown many scenes of the destruction of the earth and of the people on earth who do evil things.



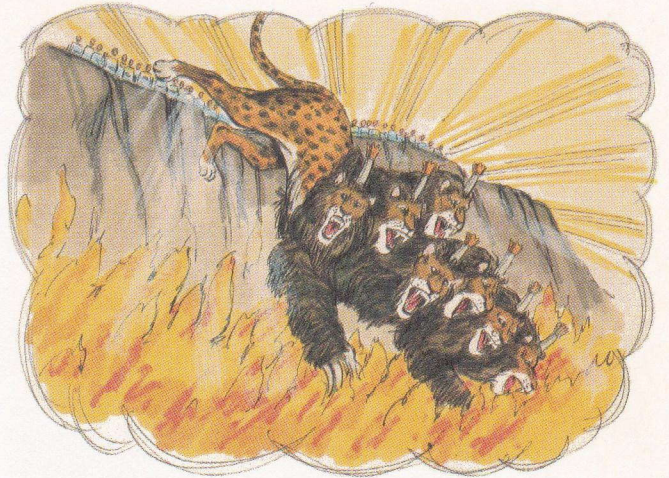
5 Then John saw a woman give birth to a baby boy who was to be the ruler of the world. A great red dragon (Satan) tried to destroy the baby, but it was taken to safety in heaven.



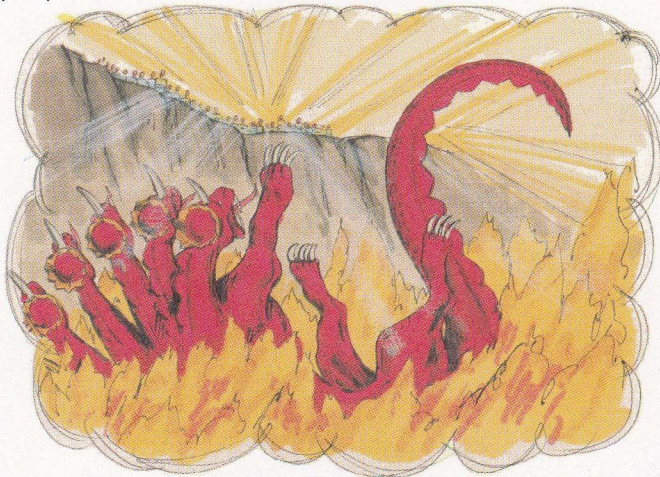
6 Then the dragon chased the woman, but she escaped. So the dragon made war against the rest of her children—the people who keep God's commandments and believe in Jesus.



7 A great beast came up out of the sea. The dragon gave the beast his power and authority. The beast spoke evil against God and made war against God's people.



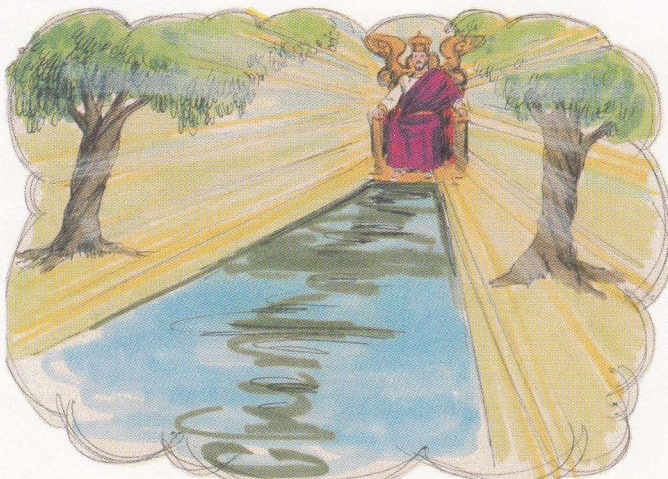
8 Then the beast and his armies fought with the armies of heaven. The beast was captured and thrown into the lake of fire, and his army was destroyed. Satan was put in prison.



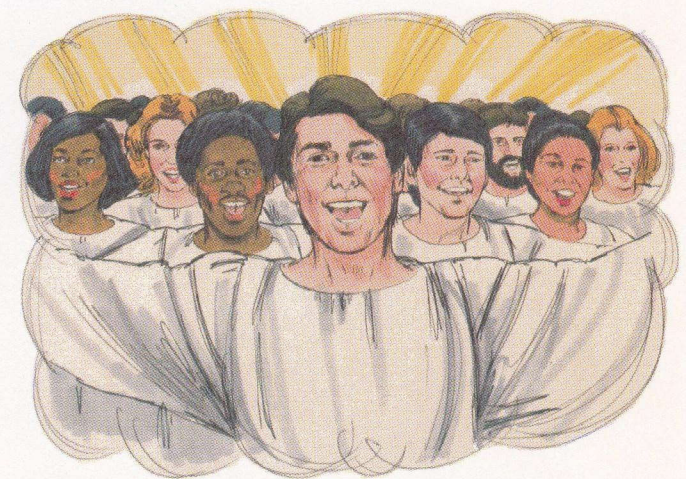
9 After a thousand years, Satan was freed. Again he tried to destroy God's people. This time he was thrown into the lake of fire, to be punished with the beast forever.



10 Then the dead were judged before God in heaven. Each was judged by what he had done. If his name was not in the Lamb's book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.



11 Then John saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, come down from heaven. In it was the throne of God and of the Lamb. The river of life flowed through the middle of the city.



12 A voice said, "Now God will live with men. He will wipe every tear from their eyes! There will be no more death or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away."