

# Song of the Revelation of Christ to the Apostle John°

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°As interpreted by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in *"Some Answered Questions"*

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*♩ = 72*

"God grant\_\_\_\_\_ that the light of u - ni - ty may en - ve - lope the whole earth\_\_\_\_\_ and that the

5 seal 'the King - dom is God's' may be stamped u - pon the brow of all its peo - ples."\* The signs and sym - bols of the

10 time of the end are both fright' - ning and wond - rous, the Lord it seems would send both dra - gons and beasts a - gainst

14 whom we must de - fend and woe, • woe, woe to test the hearts of men. "God grant\_\_\_\_\_ that the light of u - ni - ty may en -

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ve - lope the whole earth—and that the seal 'the King-dom is God's' may be stamped u-pon the brow of all its

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peo - ples." If clouds are on the heart and our in - sight is dim, if fear rules our souls and

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su - per-sti-tion wins, then blind will we be, our Lord could come a-gain and pass on by be -

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yond the sight of men."God grant—that the light of u - ni-ty may en - ve - lope the whole earth—and that the

37 poco rit.

seal 'the King-dom is God's' may be stamped u-pon the brow of all its peo - ples."

42  $\text{♩} = 60$

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Red. ———

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prin-ces from the line of Ish-ma - el,•• Twelve in-spired Im - ams said "look to the year twelve - six - ty^a \_" for a

55  $\text{♩} = 72$

Man - child called the Bab. The dra - gon and the beast were the Om - ay - yad clan. They

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broke Mu - ham - mad's cov - en ant and made mock' - ry of the Man. They feared His prom - ised off - spring, killed His

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fam ily when they could, One third of those stars of heav - en were slain and fell to earth. "God grant that the light of

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u - ni - ty may en - ve - lope the whole earth and that the seal 'the King - dom is God's' may be

71  $\text{♩}=60$  **Rubato**

stamped u-pon the brow of all its peo- ples." *mp* So how do we tell what is false or what is true? The

75 **poco rall.**  $\text{♩}=60$  **A tempo**

an- swer could bring life or death for me and you. 'By their fruits shall ye know them' is the

78 **Three part chorus**

mes sage\_ of our Lord. The one who ov - er - com - eth\_ shall claim a great re - ward. The

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"first Woe" was Mu-ham- mad, the "sec - ond" was the Báb, the "third Woe" is Ba - ha - 'u' láh. This

85 **rit.**

is the "Great An- nounce - ment" ‡, "the Plain" is dis - closed. It's not what we've ex - pec - ted, from there comes our woe.

\* Bahá'u'lláh, *Bahá'í Prayers*, page 238, 2002 edition, Bahá'í Publishing Trust, Wilmette, IL

• "The explanation of this subject, woe, is mentioned in the thirtieth chapter of Ezekiel, where it is said: 'The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Howl ye, Woe worth the day! For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near.' (Ez. 30:1-3) Therefore, it is certain that the day of woe is the day of the Lord; for in that day woe is for the neglectful, ... That is why it is said, 'The second woe is past, behold the third woe cometh quickly.' (Rev 11:14) The third woe is the day of the manifestation of Bahá'u'lláh, the day of God; and it is near to the day of the appearance of the Báb." 'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Some Answered Questions*, p 56 Bahá'í Publishing Trust, Wilmette, IL, ISBN 0-87743-163-09. For further reference, see *Some Answered Questions*, chapters 10, 11 and 13 for commentary on parts of the Book of Daniel and the Revelation to John.

•• Gen:17:20 'As for Ishmael.. I have blessed him..; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.' Ishmael is considered to be the father of the Arab peoples.

<sup>a</sup> The year 1260 of the Muslim calendar coincides with the year 1844 of the Gregorian calendar.

‡ These terms come from the Qur'an, and refer to the Day of God.