"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" – **Declaration** of **Independence** 

"Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies. and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States" – **Declaration of Independence** 

"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety" – *Benjamin Franklin* 

"Timid men prefer the calm of despotism to the tempestuous sea of liberty" – *Thomas Jefferson* 

"The truth is, all might be free if they valued freedom, and defended it as they ought" – **Sam Adams** 

**Revelation 1:5b-8 (NIV)** – To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father – to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen. "Look, He is coming with the clouds", and "every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of Him". So shall it 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 1:4-5a (NIV)** – "John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth".

**Isaiah 11:1-3a (NIV)** - "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – and He will delight in the fear of the Lord".

Revelation 5:1-5 (NIV) - "Then I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals".

"God's will, His final settlement of the affairs of the universe" – *William Barclay*, regarding the scroll

**Revelation 5:9,12 (NIV)** – And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation" – In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

**Revelation 12:4-5 (NIV)** – "Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to 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. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who 'will rule all the nations with an iron scepter'. And her child was snatched up to God and to His throne".

**Revelation 12:17 (NIV) -** "Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring – those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus".

**Ezekiel 28:12-13a,17 (NIV)** – Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you" – "Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So, I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings

**Revelation 16:16 (NIV)** - "Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon".

**Revelation 17:12-14 (NIV)** - "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings – and with Him will be His called, chosen, and faithful followers".

Revelation 22:12-21 (NIV) - "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon. "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.