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Revelation 13:16 uses the terms small and great, free and slave, rich and poor in order to describe those under the influence of the second beast. Such a coupling of opposites is a way of stressing the totality of human society. [Mounce, *The Book of Revelation*, 260]. John mentions six classes of people from the social, cultural, and economic categories. Because “all” (*pantas*) probably refers to all of the classes rather than all of the individuals, these groups taken together comprise the entire human population. [Ibid., 261]. These classes should be understood as communicating universality due to the fact that they encompass every civic, class, and cultural rank. [Constable, “*Notes on Revelation*,” 126]. Thus, commentators have recognized the language of Revelation 13:16 as a formula for universality and the entire human population. [Thomas, *Revelation 8–22*, 179-180].

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The term “kingdom” (Grk. *basileia*) occurs eight times in Acts as referring to the divine rule. . . . In the Book of Acts this “kingdom of God” appears as something future, the term being used, as James Orr has observed, “in an almost exclusively eschatological sense.”. . . . The argument advanced by some, that since the apostles throughout the Acts period preached “the things concerning the kingdom of God” (19:8), therefore the Kingdom must have already been established, is not very good logic. Most of us preach and teach many things in the Christian faith which are not yet realized in experience. No sensible person would argue that because the apostles continually preached the resurrection of the dead, therefore, it must have already taken place. Alva J.

McClain, *The Greatness of the Kingdom: An Inductive Study of the Kingdom of God* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1959), 424–26.

Acts 1:3-To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a *period of* forty days and speaking of the things concerning the **kingdom** of God.

Acts 1:6-So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the **kingdom** to Israel?”

Acts 8:12-But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the **kingdom** of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

Acts 14:22-strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and *saying*, “Through many tribulations we must enter the **kingdom** of God.”

Acts 19:8-And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *them* about the **kingdom** of God.

Acts 20:25-And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the **kingdom**, will no longer see my face.

Acts 28:23-When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the **kingdom** of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

Acts 28:31-preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.

2 Kgs. 17:24-33-<sup>24</sup> The king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon and from Cuthah and from Avva and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and settled *them* in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. So, they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities. <sup>25</sup> At the beginning of their living there, they did not fear the Lord; therefore, the Lord sent lions among them which killed some of them. <sup>26</sup> So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, “The nations whom you have carried away into exile in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the god of the land; so he has sent lions among them, and behold, they kill them because they do not know the custom of the god of the land.” <sup>27</sup> Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, “Take there one of the priests whom you carried away into exile and let him go and live there; and let him teach them the custom of the god of the land.” <sup>28</sup> So one of the priests whom they had carried away into exile from Samaria came and lived at Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the Lord. <sup>29</sup> But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the houses of the high places which the people of Samaria had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived. <sup>30</sup> The men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima, <sup>31</sup> and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of Sepharvaim. <sup>32</sup> They also feared the Lord and appointed from among themselves priests of the high places, who acted for them in the houses of the high places. <sup>33</sup> They feared the Lord and served their own gods according to the custom of the nations from among whom they had been carried away into exile.

Ezra 4:1-4- <sup>1</sup>Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the Lord God of Israel,<sup>2</sup> they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' households, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your God; and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here." <sup>3</sup> But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of Israel said to them, "You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the Lord God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us." <sup>4</sup> Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building.

John 4:20-Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Luke 9:51-56-<sup>51</sup> When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; <sup>52</sup> and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. <sup>53</sup> But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; <sup>56</sup> for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.

John 4:9-Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a **Samaritan** woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans).

John 4:27-At this point His disciples came, and **they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman**, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”

Acts 4:12-And there is **salvation in no one else**; for there is **no other name** under heaven that has been given among men by which we **must** be saved.

John 4:22-You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for **salvation is from the Jews**.

Rom. 9:5-whose are the fathers, and **from whom is the Christ according to the flesh**, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## **13**

Jas. 2:19-You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also **believe**, and shudder.

Luke 8:13-Those on the rocky *soil* are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they **believe for a while**, and in time of temptation fall away.

John 3:16-For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not **perish**, but have eternal life.

Luke 8:5-8-<sup>5</sup>“The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the **road**, and it was trampled under foot

and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Other *seed* fell on **rocky soil**, and as soon as it **grew up**, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other *seed* fell among the **thorns**; and the thorns **grew up** with it and choked it out. <sup>8</sup> Other *seed* fell into the **good soil**, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.” As He said these things, He would call out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Luke 8:12-15- <sup>12</sup> Those beside the **road** are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will **not believe and be saved**. <sup>13</sup> Those on the **rocky soil** are those who, when they hear, **receive the word** with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they **believe** for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. <sup>14</sup> The *seed* which fell among the **thorns**, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life and bring no fruit to maturity. <sup>15</sup> But the *seed* in the **good soil**, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

2 Tim. 2:13-If we are **faithless**, He remains **faithful**, for He cannot deny Himself.

Rev. 3:19-Those whom I love, I **reprove and discipline**; therefore, be zealous and repent.

2 John 8-Watch yourselves, that you do not **lose** what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a **full reward**.

Rev. 3:11-I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that **no one will take your crown**.

Rom. 12:2-And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Rom. 8:9-However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.**

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1 Cor. 12:10-and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the **distinguishing of spirits**, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.



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## 22

1 John 1:9-If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Rev. 3:19-Those whom I love, **I reprove and discipline;** therefore be zealous and repent.

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Rom. 6:23-For **the wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 25

Rev. 3:7-8- <sup>7</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, **who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens**, says this: <sup>8</sup> ‘I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an **open door** which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

## 27a

Acts 16:6-10-<sup>6</sup>They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, **having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia;** <sup>7</sup> and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and **the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them;** <sup>8</sup> and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> **A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”** <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Isa. 55:8-9- <sup>8</sup>“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

### **27b-28**

Deut. 23:1-No one who is emasculated or has his male organ cut off shall enter the assembly of the Lord.

Philip. 1:13-so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the whole **praetorian guard** and to everyone else.

### **29**

2 Tim. 1:7-For God has not given us a **spirit of timidity**, but of power and love and discipline.

### **30**

Isa. 6:9-He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand.’

### 31

Rom. 12:7-if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching.

### 32-33

Isa. 53:3-8-<sup>3</sup> He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. <sup>4</sup> Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke *was due*?

### 34

Ps. 22:16-18-<sup>16</sup> For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;

<sup>18</sup> **They divide my garments** among them, and **for my clothing they cast lots.**

### **35**

Acts 17:2-3-<sup>2</sup> And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths **reasoned with them from the Scriptures,** <sup>3</sup> **explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead,** and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

### **39**

John 10:10-The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

### **40**

Acts 21:8-9-<sup>8</sup> On the next day we left and came to **Caesarea**, and entering the house of **Philip the evangelist**, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him.<sup>9</sup> Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses.