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Muslims, Jews, and Christians in Medieval Iberia
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QUOTES FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Plague of Locusts

And out of the smoke there came forth locusts upon the earth . . . And in appearance the locusts were like horses made ready for battle; and there were on their heads crowns as it were like gold; and their faces were like the faces of men. And they had hair like the hair of women; and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates of iron . . . And they had tails like those of scorpions and there were stings in their tails and they had power to harm mankind for five months . . . And they had over them a king, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek Apollyon; in Latin he has the name Exterminans." [Revelation 9, 1ff]

Woman Clothed in the Sun

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed in the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. And being with child she cried out in her travail . . . And, behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns . . . And his tail was dragging along the third part of the stars of heaven, and it dashed them to the earth . . . And she brought forth a male child, who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to his throne . . . Michael and his angels battled with the dragon . . . And that great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan . . . And there was given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle . . . And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water like a river that he might cause her to be carried away by the river. And the earth helped the woman, and . . . swallowed the river (Revelation 12: 1ff)

Whore of Babylon

"Come, I will show thee the condemnation of the great harlot who sits upon many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." [Revelation 17: 1-3]

Feast of Balthasar

"Balthasar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and everyone drank according to his age. And being now drunk he commanded that they should bring the vessels of gold and silver which Nabuchodonosor his father had brought away out of the temple that was in Jerusalem . . . And the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines, drank in them . . . In the same hour there appeared fingers, as it were of the hand of a man, writing over against the candlestick upon the surface of the wall of the king's palace . . ." [Daniel 5: 1-5]

Adoration of the Lamb

And I saw, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb . . . And he came and took the scroll out of the right hand of him who sat upon the throne. And when he had opened the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down

before the Lamb, having each a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints." [Revelation 5: 6-8]

Heavenly Jerusalem

And he took me up in spirit to a mountain, great and high, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God . . . And it had a wall great and high with twelve gates . . . On the east are three gates, and on the north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates . . . And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . And the city stands four square, and its length is as great as its breadth; and he measured the city with the reed . . . And the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone . . . And I saw no temple therein, for the Lord God and the Lamb are the temple thereof." [Revelation 21, 10-22]

Harvest of Judgment

And I saw, and behold, a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sitting like to a son of man, having upon his head a crown of gold and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came forth out of the temple crying with a loud voice to him who sat upon the cloud, 'Put forth thy sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe,' . . . And another angel came forth from the altar, he who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying 'Put forth thy sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are fully ripe.' And the angel cast his sickle to the earth, and gathered the vintage of the earth, and cast it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and there came forth blood out of the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a thousand and six hundred stadia." [Revelation 14: 14-20]