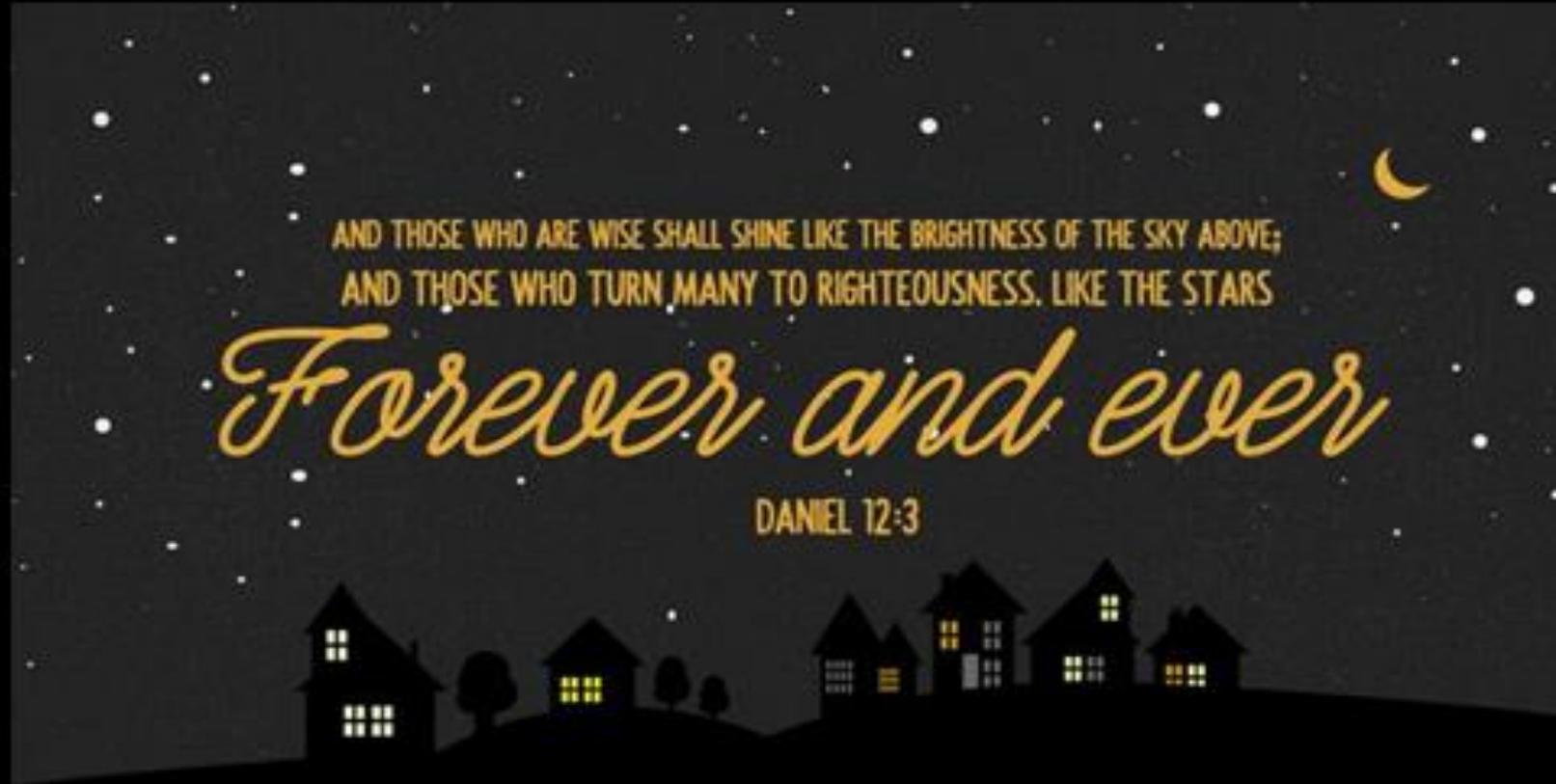


Daniel Chapter 12 – Part 11

The Wise Shall Shine Like The Stars



Past > **Present** > **Future**



www.prophecylive.org



**Learn from the Past > Understand the Present >
Prepare for the Future**



Inreach & Outreach Resource



This booklet is an eye opener of what's happening in the world.

This 40 page A5 size booklet has the key aspects of the –

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE.

It's available at the cost of printing & postage for bulk orders. PDF is available on ProphecyLive.org



Enter The Ark of Hope

The Great Controversy between God and
Satan is primarily over

“WORSHIP”

Who will you Choose?



Get into the Ark **Sanctuary**



**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Ginger

Health Benefits of Ginger *(Seek Medical Advise)*

Eating up to 4 grams per day may help lower your blood sugar levels and regulate insulin production. Talk with the doctor before adding this to your treatment regimen.

5. Can drastically lower blood sugars and improve heart disease risk factors:

In a 2015 study of 41 participants with type 2 diabetes, 2 grams of ginger powder per day lowered fasting blood sugar by 12%.

It also dramatically improved haemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), a marker for long-term blood sugar levels. HbA1c was reduced by 10% over a period of 12 weeks.

There was also a 28% reduction in the Apolipoprotein B/Apolipoprotein A-I ratio and a 23% reduction in malondialdehyde (MDA), which is a by product of oxidative stress. A high ApoB/ApoA-I ratio and high MDA levels are both major risk factors of heart disease.

In somewhat encouraging news, a 2019 literature review also concluded that ginger significantly reduced HbA1c in people with type 2 diabetes. However, it also found that ginger had no effect on fasting blood sugar.

NEW STUDY

Ginger can help diabetic patients increase their insulin sensitivity and balance their lipid profile.



Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?



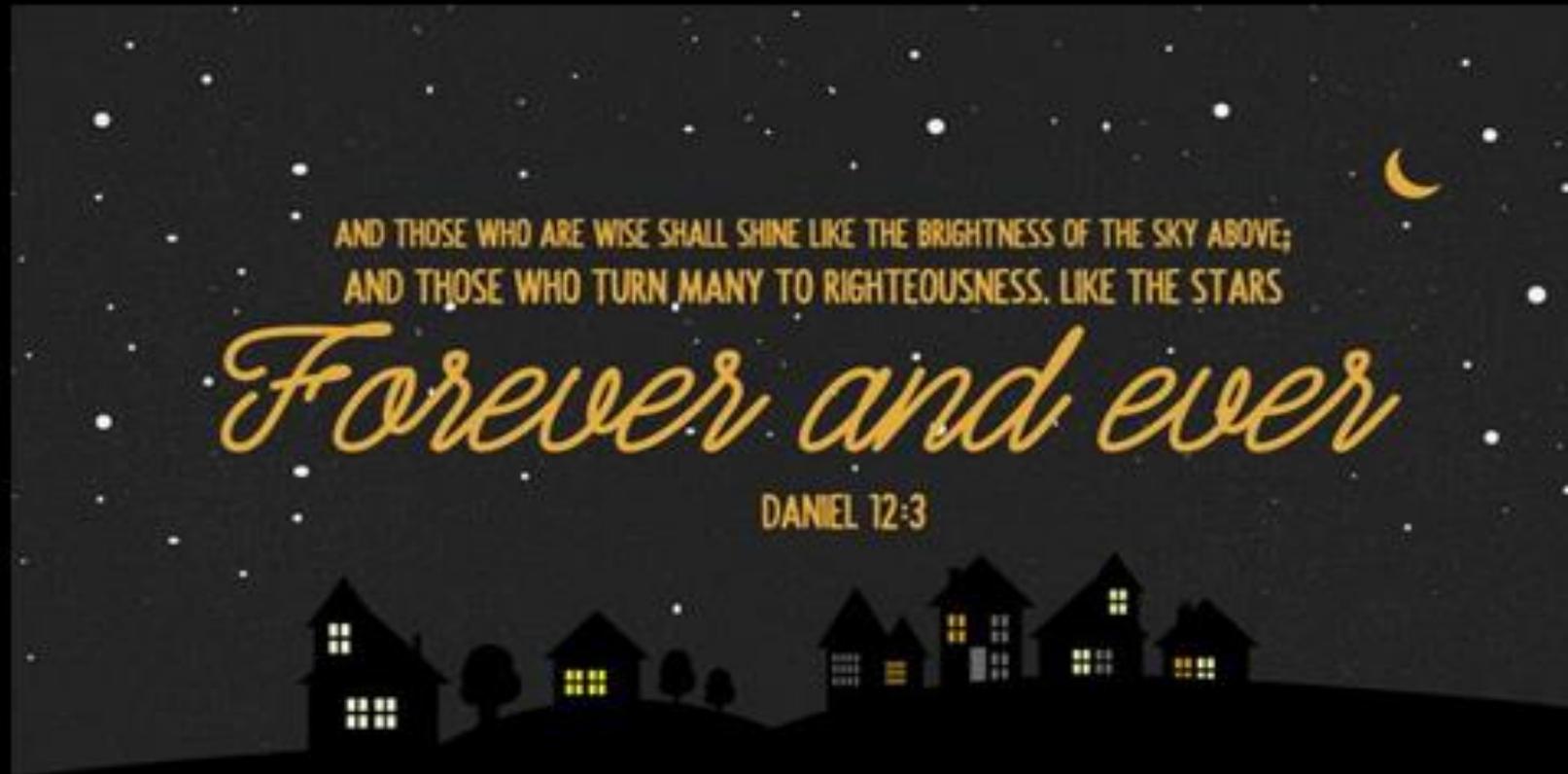
Yes we Can!

The **FEAR** of the
LORD is the
BEGINNING of
knowledge;
FOOLS despise
wisdom and
instruction.

(Proverbs 1:7)



Daniel Chapter 12 – Part 11 ***The Wise Shall Shine Like The Stars***



Past > **Present** > **Future**



Daniel 12:3 - Wise shall shine

Daniel 12:3 - *And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

They that be wise - **As the margin reads, they that be teachers.**

Shall shine as the brightness of the firmament - **Those that teach the truth and proclaim the last message will be vindicated by God.** They will shine as the firmament for the glory/ righteousness of God is revealed therein, (**Psalms 97:6**) thus the glory/righteousness of the Lord has risen upon them. (**Isaiah 60:1**) **Each of them had pushed aside the darkness of the world and allowed the Sun of Righteousness into their lives. (Malachi 4:2) God's glory/ righteousness is His character, thus they are revealing Christ's character in their own lives by faith.**

They that turn many to righteousness - **This is a repeat of the first part of the verse but with a little more information. These teachers have faithfully given and lived the gospel message and in turn many have been saved from eternal ruin.** So we could quite easily say that the purpose of prophecy is to teach others the way of salvation.



Who are these Wise?

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works” (Titus 2:11-14).

This scripture teaches a very different lesson from that which is presented in the words of many who profess to believe the gospel. **We are exhorted to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, and to look for the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said by the mouth of the beloved disciple, “Behold, I come quickly,” and John responds, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” (Revelation 22:20) **Jesus spoke these words as words of warning and encouragement to His people; and why should we not heed them? The Lord has said that it is the faithful who will be found watching and waiting for Him. . . .**

THE END TIMES

A GUIDE TO BIBLE PROPHECY
AND THE LAST DAYS



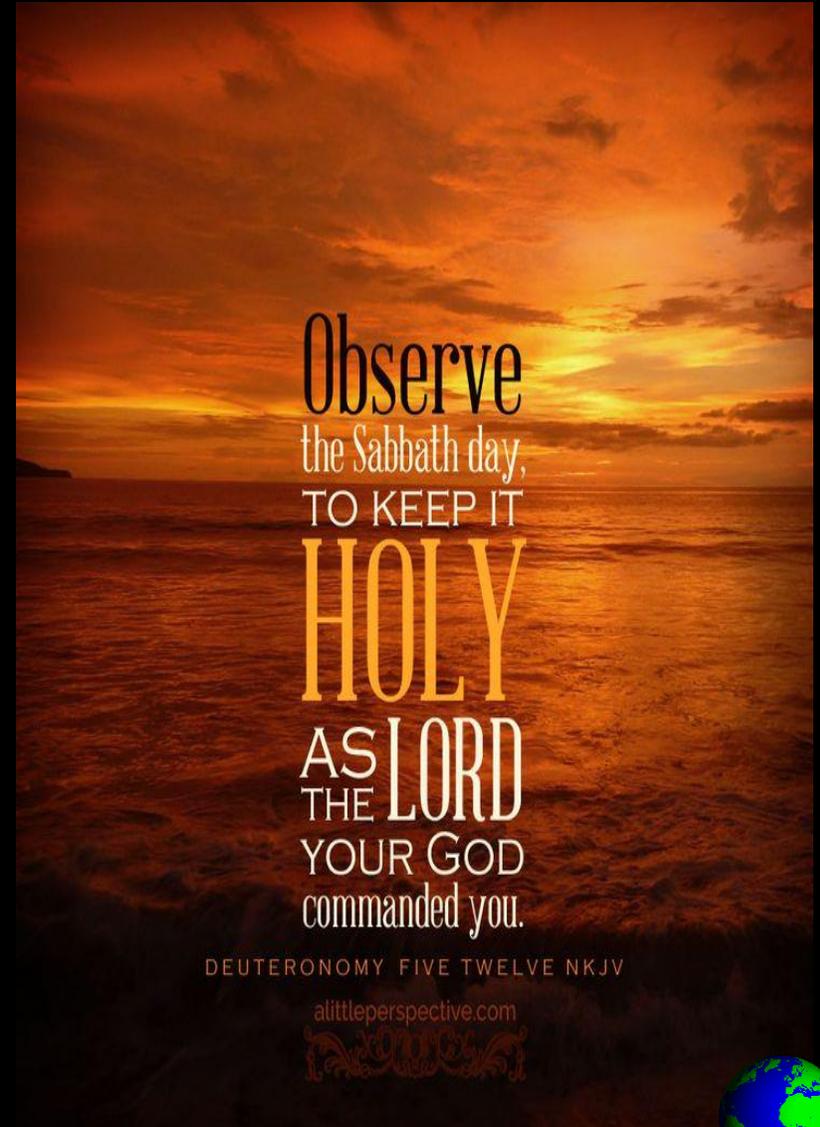
Who are these Wise? (cont'd)

The exact time of Christ's second coming is not revealed. Jesus said, "No man knoweth the day nor the hour." (Matthew 24:36) But He also gave signs of His coming, and said, "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door." (Matthew 24:33) He bade them, as the signs of His coming should appear, "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28)

And in view of these things the apostle wrote: "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day." (1 Thessalonians 5:2-6)

Since we know not the hour of Christ's coming, we must live soberly and godly in this present world, "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

Christ gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. His people are to preserve their peculiar character as His representatives.



Who are these Wise? (cont'd)

There is work for every one of them to do. The rich should bring their means, the honoured their influence, the learned their wisdom, the poor their virtue, if they would be effective workers with God. They are to bring themselves into right relation with God, that they may reflect the light of the glory of God that shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

We read of a class who put far off the day of the coming of Jesus; but upon such His coming will be as a thief in the night, and they will be suddenly overtaken with destruction. How many there are who are willing to be rocked to sleep in the cradle of carnal security; but it is time for us to wake out of sleep. Says the apostle, "We are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6



LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD,

listen to his voice,

AND HOLD FAST TO HIM.

-deuteronomy 30:20

Who are these Wise? (cont'd)

We should be awake to discern the signs of the times, and to give warning to the people. There are many in the world who seek to quiet the alarm of the people, who say, "Peace, peace; when there is no peace"; (1 Thessalonians 5:3) but we should take an opposite course from this. There are many who say to the aroused people, "Do not disturb yourselves, go on in godlessness, go on glorifying yourselves, and living in pleasure. The day of the Lord is not at hand."

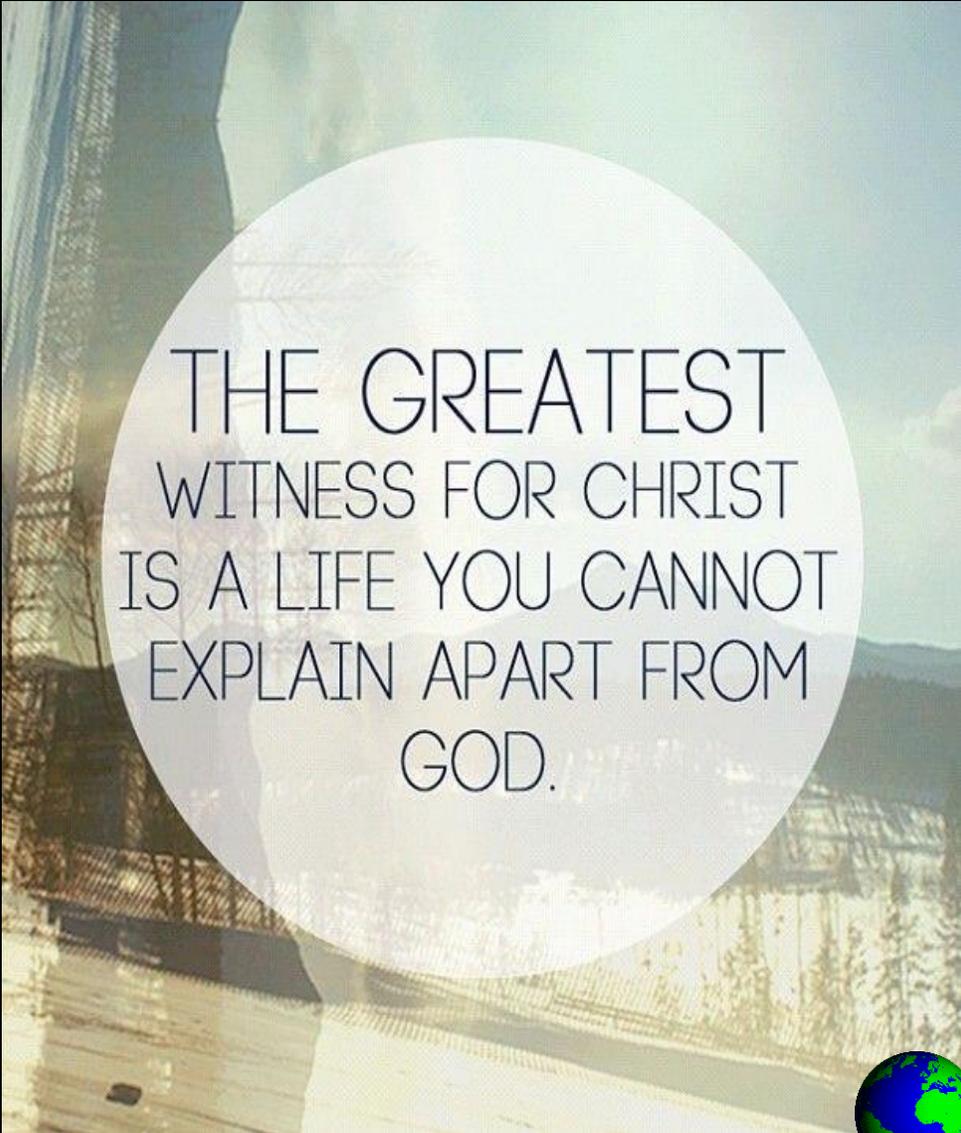
Did not Christ have an object in view when He said, "Behold, I come quickly"? (Revelation 22:12) Did He not see that His church would need to keep this solemn event in mind? Shall we say with the last-day scoffers, "Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation"? (2 Peter 3:3-4) I do not mean to be with this class. I mean to arouse men with the message of Christ's near coming.



The wise have a great responsibility

Those who have a knowledge of present truth are under a great responsibility before the world. **They are to warn men of the coming judgments.** They are to represent Christ to the people. **They are not to go about deploring their condition, talking of their darkness, and murmuring and complaining of the hardness of the way; they are to lift up their minds to God, open the door of their hearts to Jesus, and let Him come in and abide with them.**

We must have Christ enthroned in the heart, that the soul-temple may be cleansed from every defilement. The soon coming of our Saviour must be a living reality to us. The question of all importance for this time is, "How is it with my soul? **Am I seeking to reiterate the words of Christ?** Am I teaching my children that they have souls to save; that peace and holiness must be a part of their life? Am I teaching them to place their hands in the hands of Christ, that He may guide them?"



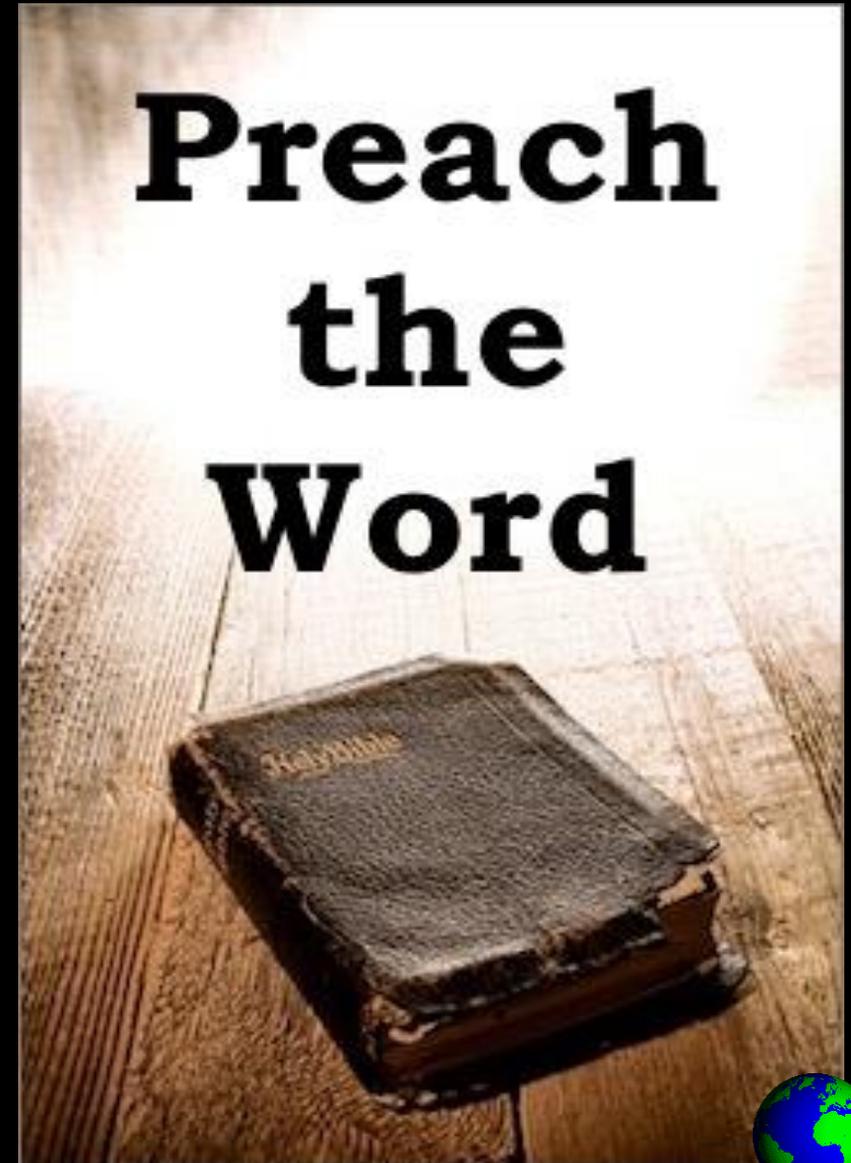
THE GREATEST
WITNESS FOR CHRIST
IS A LIFE YOU CANNOT
EXPLAIN APART FROM
GOD.

The wise have a great responsibility (cont'd)

We have most earnest work to do, and we have no time to waste in drinking at empty cisterns that can hold no water (Jeremiah 2:13). We should come to Christ without delay for the water of life. We should diligently study the Bible. The study of the Bible is of the greatest importance to us. The Scriptures are able to make men wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15), yet how few find time to search the Word of God!

Men and women are all absorbed in the things of this perishing earth. They are building their hopes upon worthless foundations, and writing their names in the sand. Even those who profess to be followers of Christ do not heed His injunction. . . .

God gives us His rich blessings to enjoy, and He expects us to bring forth fruit to His glory; but many neglect His work. They do not make a full surrender to His will. There are many who seem to feel that to think of God and heavenly things tends to make men gloomy and desponding; that it is detrimental to health to permit the mind to dwell upon religious subjects.



Truth as it is in Jesus

We are to present the truth as it is in Jesus. Christ came into the world to save sinners. For thirty years He lived our example. He endured insult, ignominy, reproach, rejection, and death; yet He lives. He is a living Saviour. He has ascended on high to make intercession for us.

Just before His crucifixion, He prayed that His disciples might be one with Him, as He was one with the Father.

Is it indeed a possibility that sinful, fallen man may be brought into such exalted relationship with Christ?

Such a union with Christ will bring light and peace and comfort to our souls. When He went to heaven, He told His disciples, "It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." Who would not have the Comforter in times of trial?...

Tell of the love of Christ, talk of His power, and you may have a heaven in this world to go to heaven in. Respond to the light of God, and you will be like a watered garden; your health will spring forth speedily; your light will rise in obscurity, and the glory of the Lord will be your reward.

JESUS

SAID TO HIM

I AM THE WAY

THE TRUTH

AND THE LIFE.

NO ONE COMES

TO THE FATHER

EXCEPT THROUGH ME



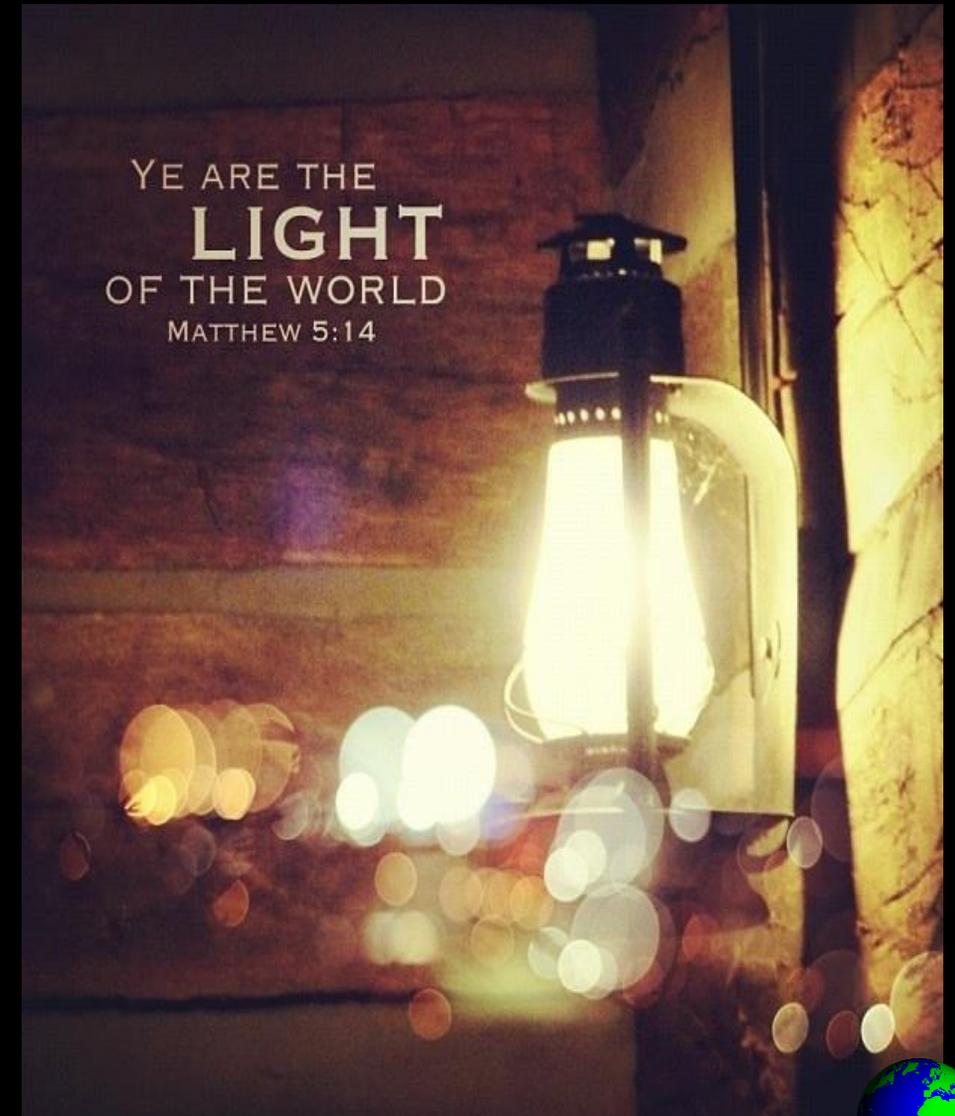
Ye are the light of the world

Light is a well-known metaphor both in the Bible and Judaism. In the Old Testament, Israel is spoken in terms of a light to the nations (Isaiah 60:1-3). The mission of the Servant in Isaiah is portrayed in terms of light (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6), which was in the New Testament fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus (Matthew 4:16; Luke 2:32; John 8:12; 12:35-36). Paul also often uses the light metaphor for the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 5:8; Philippians 2:15). Here, in Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus exhorts the disciples to be a shining light to the world, just as he Himself is the light to the world.

It appears that the structure of the light metaphor (Matthew 5:14-16) is comparably similar to the salt metaphor (Matthew 5:13):

You are the salt of the earth - **The salt must not lose its flavour!**

You are the light of the world - **The light cannot be hidden!**



Ye are the light of the world (cont'd)

This comparison shows that the two metaphors are complementary to each other. In **Matthew 5:14-16**, **Jesus reiterates the point made in the metaphor of “the salt of the earth” (v. 13)**. Just as salt provides taste and transforms food, so the lamp provides “light to all who are in the house.” Also, as it is impossible for salt to lose its saltiness, so it is impossible to hide or conceal the light— like a city on a hill: **“The city on the hill cannot be hidden” (v. 14)**. Some commentators observe, Jesus most likely referred to the New Jerusalem of the messianic kingdom, radiating the light of divine glory throughout the world (Isaiah 2:2-4; 4:5-6; 60:1-22).



“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.”

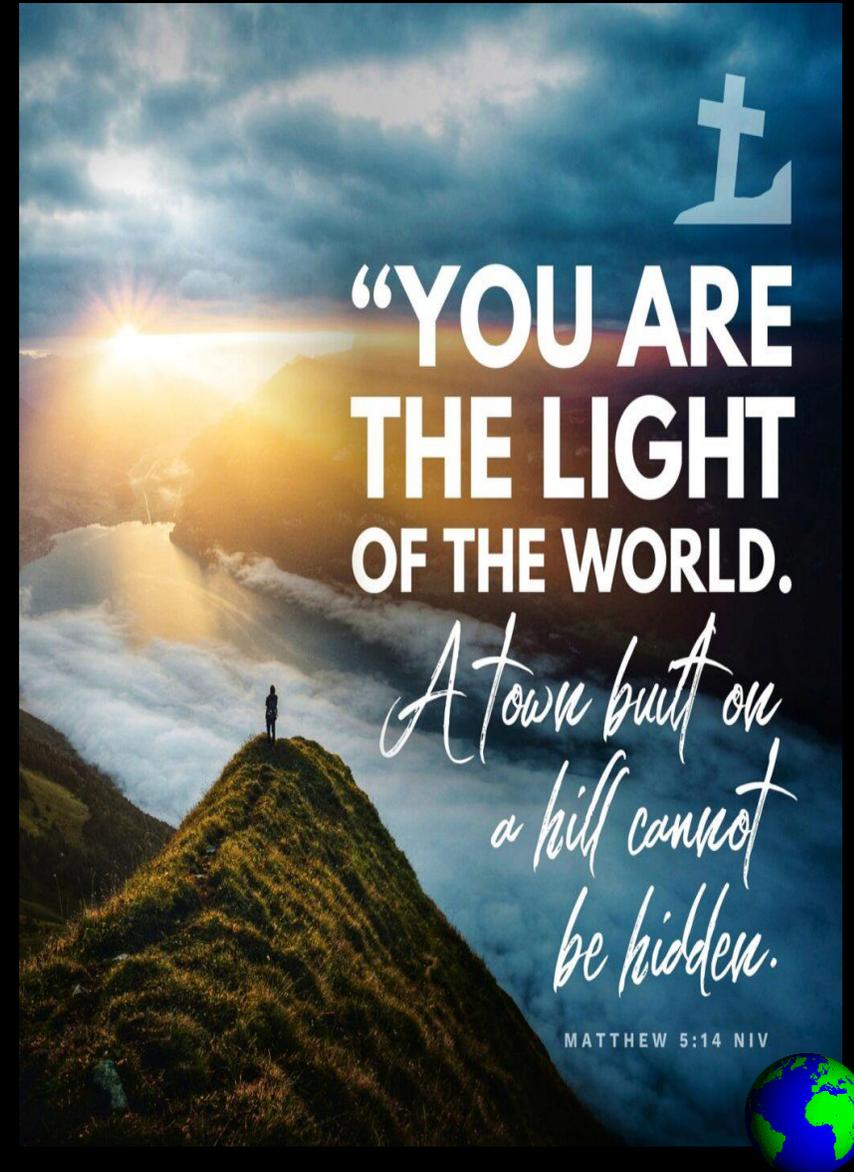
Matthew 5:14 (KJV)



Ye are the light of the world (cont'd)

Jesus pointed out, true disciples are the ones who have accepted the conditions of the Kingdom. **As such, they must be different from the world.** “They were not to take their cue from the people around them, but from him, and so prove to be genuine children of their heavenly Father.” **The secret of discipleship is not found in the empty ambition and greatness of the conventional culture of the here and now, but in the future reward. True disciples experience the fullness of blessedness and true happiness because they are the followers of Jesus, and, thus, are citizens of the Kingdom.** Not that the disciples are only called to be different from the world, but they are also to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

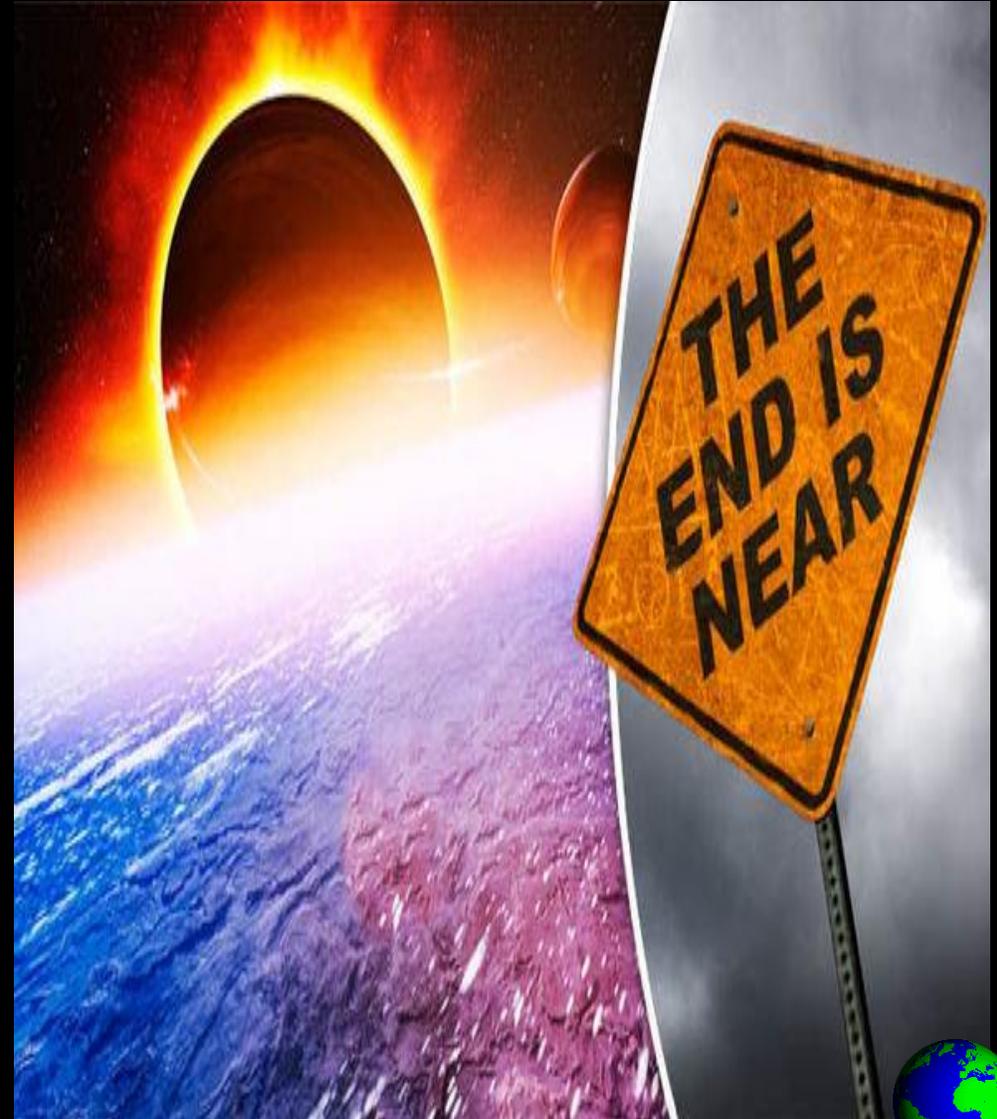
Salt must be mixed with food. **And the light must be set on a lampstand. Light normally penetrates and removes darkness.** But it does much more; the denser the darkness, the more visible the light. So are supposed to be the lives of the wise in a sin-darkened world as they follow in the footsteps of the Master.



What is the Light in the Last Days

Revelation 14:6 - *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

The flight of the angels denote the swiftness with which they carry forward the task that has been given unto them (see **Ezekiel 1:11, 14**). **The worldwide reach and unique application of end time technology is literally like an angel flying in mid-air. This divine help is to enable the people of God to complete the global work of carrying forward the final message of warning to the world before the glorious second coming of Jesus** (review **Revelation 14:14-16**). The flight of the angels in the open firmament of heaven also illustrates the public nature of their ministry.



Last Message of Light from God

The phrase "them that dwell on the earth" may have a twofold application:

First, the phrase does represent the entire human race. This is justified by the other key adjectives that follow this expression such as; and to "every nation", and "kindred", and "tongue" and "people". The phrases utilised in this verse clearly depict a worldwide scenario. What this means is that the messages of the three angels must go to the entire world (see [Matthew 24:14](#); [Matthew 28:18-20](#); [Mark 16:15, 16](#)).

Second, the phrase "them that dwell on the earth" may also apply to the wicked inhabitants of the world. As we have already considered in the introduction of this series, the three angels in [Revelation 14](#) are not literal angels, but rather God's end time people that carry an end time message to the inhabitants of the world (see [Revelation 10:8-11](#); [Revelation 12:17](#); [Revelation 14:12](#)). Thus the three angels, who are representatives of God's end time people, are differentiated from those that dwell on the earth, the wicked inhabitants of the world who are to be warned through the threefold message of [Revelation 14](#).



**The Three Angels'
Messages**

(A message of Hope)

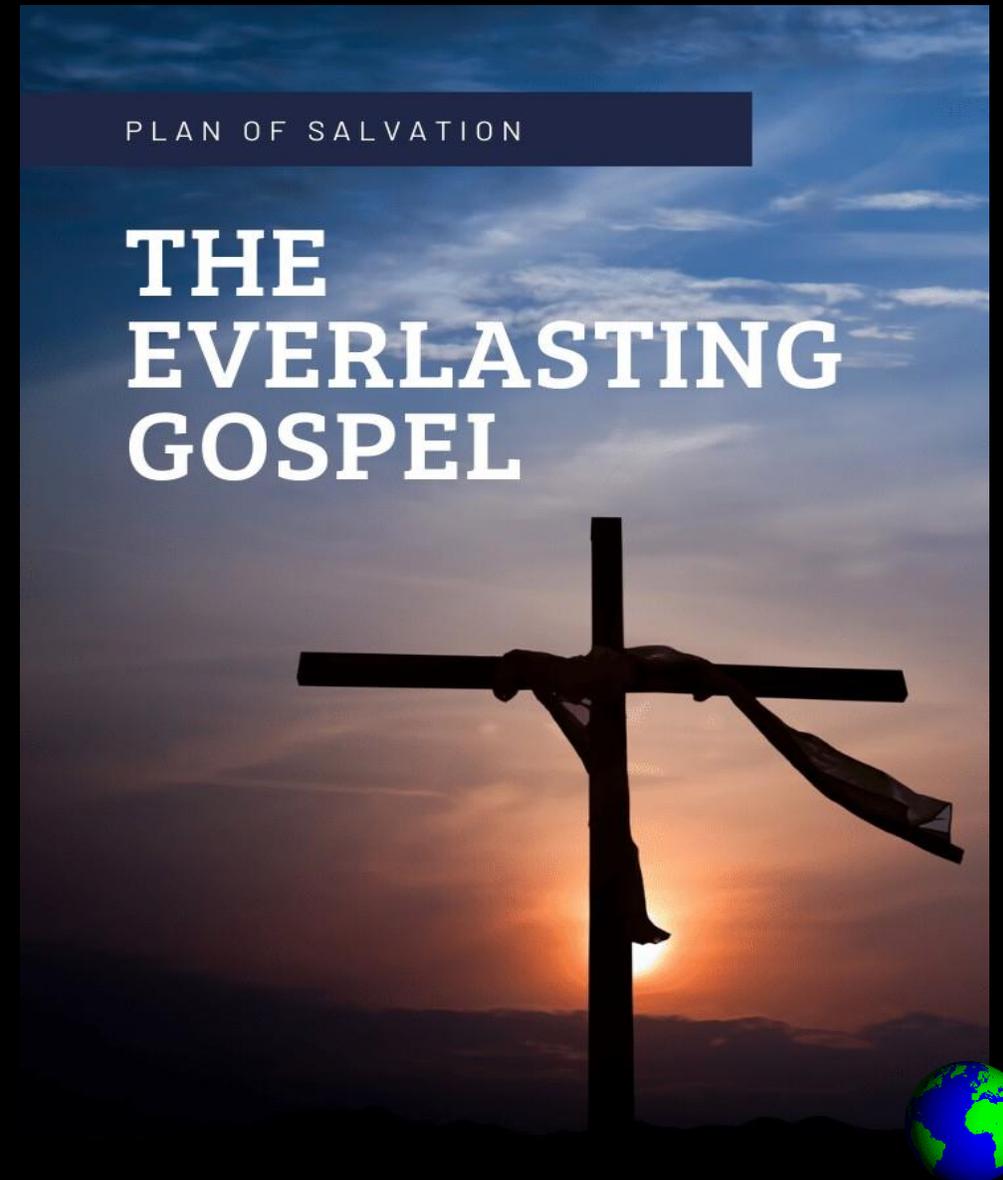


The Everlasting Gospel - Light

It is important for us to note that in the symbolism of the first animal sacrifice in Eden (see [Genesis 3:21](#)), the gospel was presented to Adam and the descendants that will follow him. This picture of the gospel was graphically illustrated later on through the sanctuary ordinances that God gave the Hebrew nation ([Exodus 25:8, 9, 40](#); [Psalm 77:13](#)). Today, the people of God can look above into the main sanctuary in heaven where our Saviour stands as Intercessor and Judge ([Colossians 3:1, 2](#); [Hebrews 4:14-16](#); [Hebrews 8:1, 2](#)). This everlasting gospel that transcends all human timeline is the message of the first angel. The message that says:

[John 3:16](#) *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

[17](#) *For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*



Fear God - Shine Light

The concept of fearing God also means to keep His commandments. **We find this concept spread throughout both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.** Particularly:

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: FEAR GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: for this is the whole duty of man.*

14 *For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*

(see also **Genesis 42:18; Exodus 18:21; Job 1:8, 9; Psalm 66:16; Matthew 10:28; 1 Peter 2:17**)

From these texts of Scripture above, we learn a very important lesson concerning the everlasting gospel; that even though we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, the law of God is still important (**Ephesians 2:8, 9; Romans 7:7, 12**). **This concept of fearing God strikes at the heart of the popular cheap grace theory that is being dished out in various mainstream Christian denominations today. Thus, the final gospel message that goes out to the world through the first angel echoes the loud call that all of God's faithful children that have been redeemed by the merits of the begotten Son of God must fear God and keep His commandments** (review **Revelation 14:6, 7; Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14**).



Give Glory To Him – Shine Light

First, the concept of giving glory to God is to help us to understand that our salvation is fully paid for in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. In other words, there is nothing we can do to add up to what Jesus has done for us through the cross to merit salvation before the Father. All who come to God through the everlasting gospel of Jesus must understand that they are saved by grace through faith in Jesus. This understanding will call forth from the heart the deepest love and devotion, and thus give glory to the One who has made an infinite sacrifice for the salvation of mankind.

Second, giving glory to God is based on how we are to humble ourselves before Him in all things. The Son of God gave us a clear example on this point when He (though equal with God) humbled Himself before the Father as a servant (review [Philippians 2:5-11](#)). Beside His condescension in nature as a man, Christ humbled Himself before the Father through several hours of importunate prayer as He carried forward His salvific work on earth for humanity (see [Mark 1:35](#); [Luke 5:16](#); [Matthew 14:23](#); [Luke 6:12](#)). All these were clear examples of His willing effort to give glory to God.



Give Glory To Him – Shine Light (cont'd)

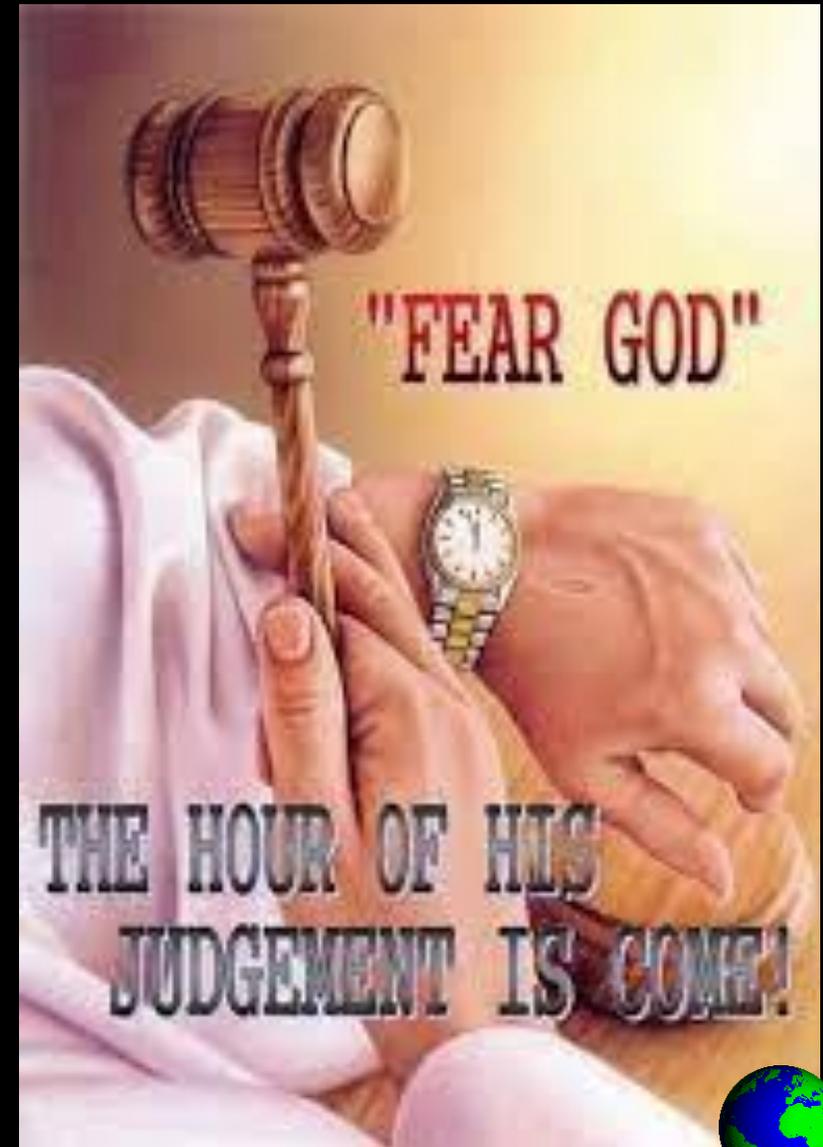
As the people of God proclaims the everlasting gospel of Jesus, they are to draw the attention of their hearers to the fact that they should humble themselves in all things, and give every glory to God — for the Lord God will not share His glory with anyone (Isaiah 42:18). This end time message in the everlasting gospel strikes at the centre of all human pride and self-reliance, turning the attention of the world to the fact that we are able to do all that we do because of God (review Acts 17:28). And thus, whether therefore we eat, or drink, or whatsoever we do, we must do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).



The hour of his judgement has come

We can understand this concept of good news that relates to the judgement when we consider the hour of God's judgement in the Old Testament. **In the Old Testament, the solemn day of God's judgement fell on the Day of Atonement** (see [Leviticus 23:26-32](#)). **On this day, the high priest performed several ordinances to cleanse the sanctuary of the sins of God's people that have symbolically been transferred therein throughout the entire year. In other words, God cleansed or wrote off the sins of His people during the Day of Atonement or Judgement.**

It is assuring to learn that God is doing the same thing for us today through Jesus Christ, who serves as our High Priest and Judge in heaven's sanctuary. **We learn from the book of Daniel that from the end of the 2,300 days prophecy, mankind has been living in the antitypical Day of Atonement. What this means is that the hour of God's judgement began in the Most Holy Place of heaven's sanctuary way back in 1844.** From that time to the present, Christ has been cleansing the sins of God's penitent people from the heavenly sanctuary in His own blood so they can stand in the presence of a holy God without blemish ([Revelation 1:5](#); [Ephesians 5:25-27](#)).



Worship Him That Made ...

He echoes the voice of the angel in the following words:

"and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Revelation 14:7).

God has expressly made it clear that He alone deserves worship by virtue of the fact that He is Creator (Exodus 20:3-5; Isaiah 45:5, 6; Isaiah 41:21-23; Psalm 95:6, 7).

Even though a creature, Satan had attempted to usurp the place of God in the heart of mankind, thus securing the worship that is due God alone (see Romans 1:25 ; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:9, 10; Revelation 13:8).

Thus, in the presentation of the everlasting gospel to the peoples of the world, the message is to strike at the heart of all false worship that has taken centre stage in various parts of the world. When the people that Satan has bound in secular humanism, occultism and new age spiritualism comprehend from the everlasting gospel that the Creator God is the same One who came to die for mankind to redeem us from the penalty of eternal death (John 3:14-17; Philippians 2:5-8), the hearts of men, women and children will be touched and softened to turn around to worship this God who made the heavens and the earth, the seas and the fountains of waters (see Genesis 1, 2; Revelation 14:6, 7).

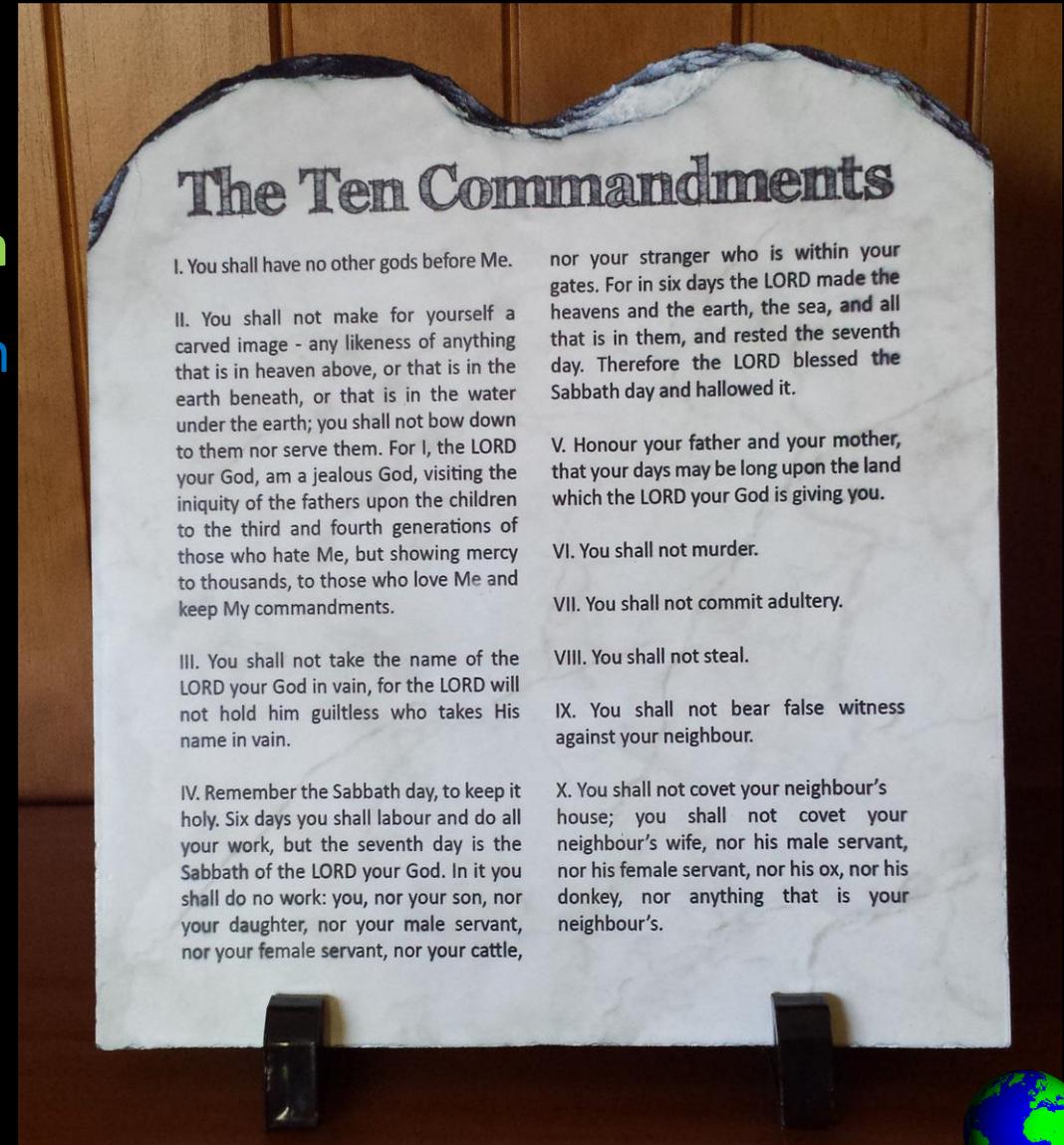


Worship Him That Made ... (cont'd)

Notice, it is interesting to learn that inextricably linked with the worship of the Creator God is His Sabbath commandment. It is this that serves as the memorial of His creatorship. In fact, key phrases that are found in the message of the first angel such as: "and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Revelation 14:7) bear a clear allusion to the Sabbath commandment as outlined in Exodus 20:8-11:

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
11 FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS, AND RESTED THE SEVENTH DAY: WHEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY, AND HALLOWED IT.

(see also [Genesis 2:1-3](#))



Worship Him That Made ... (cont'd)

Thus, the concept of worship that is tied to the everlasting gospel calls the attention of the inhabitants of the earth to come back to honour the Creator God through the celebration of the memorial of His creatorship, even the Sabbath commandment, which highlights the tokens of our creation and redemption in God alone (see Genesis 2:1-3; Psalm 95:6, 7; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; John 8:34-36).

The Lord arranged the three angels' messages in such a way that the first angel's message was to serve as an important preparatory message that must go forward before the second and third angel's messages could be proclaimed. The first angel's message is to convey the everlasting gospel to the people. **It is to help the peoples of the world to surrender to Jesus as their Lord and personal Saviour.** When Christ now lives in the hearts of the people through His Spirit, they can now be in a good position to choose to worship Him whom they have come to know and love, despite the pressures that will come in the future to succumb to false worship.



The Light Exposes the Darkness

The second angel's message is graphically chronicled in the heart of Revelation as follows:

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" - Revelation 14:8.

The word Babylon is derived from the ancient word Babel, which means confusion (Genesis 11:9). From Genesis 11:1-9, we learn that after the universal flood, the inhabitants of the earth decided to build a tower whose top may reach up to heaven. The motivation behind the building of this tower was to make a name for themselves, lest they be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. We learn from the account in Genesis 11, that God came down to confound the language of the people, bringing the grand undertaking to an abrupt end.



The Light Exposes the Darkness (cont'd)

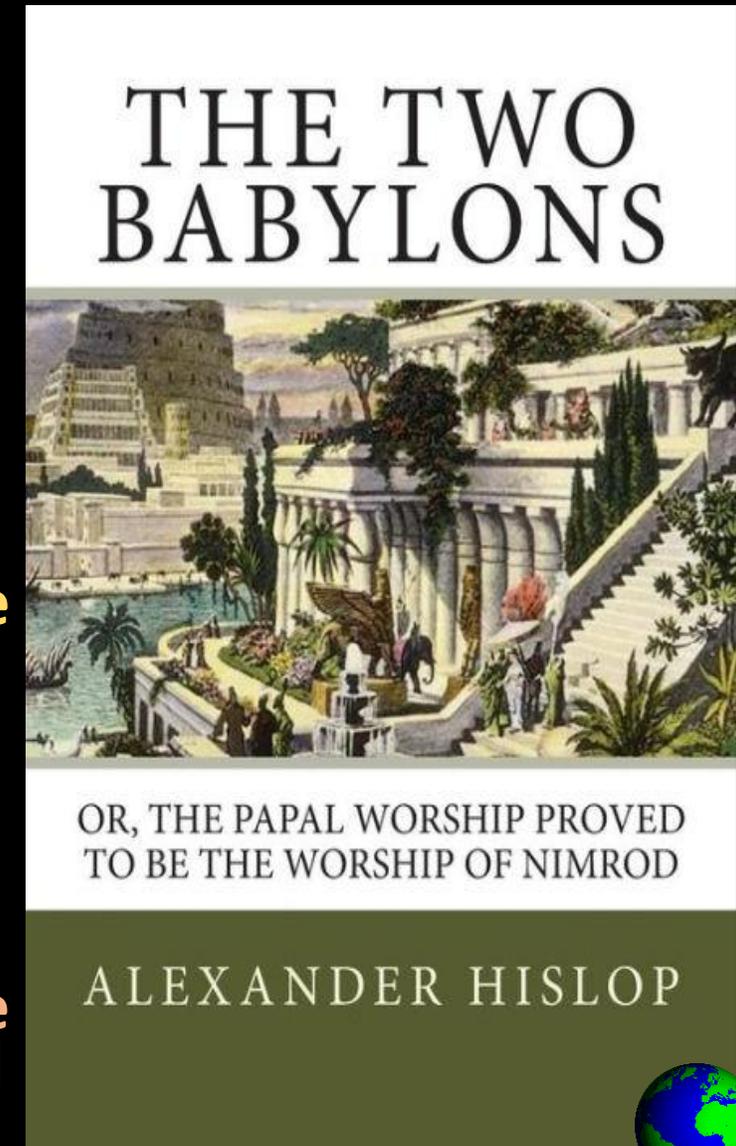
It is interesting to note that Babylon, the first superpower of the ancient world, was also built with a similar mind-set to glorify and honour man, instead of the Creator God. In [Daniel 4:30](#), we read the following words of king Nebuchadnezzar: "The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?" Because the kingdom of ancient Babylon was built to glorify the creature instead of the Creator, it also fell, never to rise again (see [Isaiah 13:19-22](#); [Jeremiah 51:64](#)). However, before its fall, Babylon became a haven for several satanic practices. The Babylonians worshipped several gods, and engaged in a myriad of activities that the Scripture referred to as abominations.

One key custom in ancient Babylon that the Bible considered an abomination was their worship of the sun god Shamash. The worship of this sun god became so widespread to the extent that some of God's people in ancient Israel were enticed by this pagan practice. From the book of Ezekiel, we read the following in connection to sun worship in ancient Israel: [Ezekiel 8:16-18](#)



Babylon In The Book Of Revelation

With this background in hand, I believe we are ready to consider the various key parallels that exist between the ancient traditions of Babylon and the spiritual Babylon of today. It is important for us to note that Revelation 14 presents an end time message. Thus, the Babylon described in the chapter refers to spiritual Babylon and not literal Babylon in any of its forms. Spiritual Babylon appears in four key passages in the book of Revelation. We first encounter Babylon in the second angel's message of Revelation 14:8. In Revelation 16:19, Babylon is punished during the pouring out of the final seventh plague upon the inhabitants of the earth. In Revelation 17, we see Babylon pictured as a woman riding the beast. Finally in Revelation 18, Babylon is the subject matter of the urgent loud cry message that repeats and enlarges on the second angel's message of Revelation 14:8. The various accounts concerning Babylon in these four areas of Revelation are intriguing and demand our attention. Nevertheless here we are going to focus on the subject of Babylon as is expressed within the second angel's message of Revelation 14.



Babylon Is Fallen, Is Fallen

From the message of the second angel, it is clear that Babylon falls twice. **This point about Babylon's double fall is significant.** Notice how the same words are repeated in the following passage concerning Babylon: Revelation 18:1-5.

In Revelation 17, Babylon is described as a harlot woman that rides the beast.

The characteristics of Babylon as we can glean from Revelation 14, 18 and 17, clearly point to two key entities in history; the Roman Catholic Papacy and her daughters of Apostate Protestantism. **Can it be that the double fall of Babylon refers to these same entities?** From history, we learn about how in 320 AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great announced that he was now a Christian and began to introduce a myriad of pagan doctrines into the holy Church of Christ. These pagan doctrines were perfected and established by Babylon the Great (see Revelation 17:5), which actually represents the Papacy, the Roman Catholic Church System, the antichrist of Bible prophecy. This represents the first fall of Babylon as detailed in Revelation 14 and Revelation 18.

REVELATION 18:4-5



"...COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND THAT YE RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES. FOR HER SINS HAVE REACHED UNTO HEAVEN, AND GOD HATH REMEMBERED HER INIQUITIES"



Babylon Is Fallen, Is Fallen (cont'd)

It is interesting to learn that it was the first fall of Babylon from the pure doctrines of Scripture that led to the Reformation whereby several of God's faithful people separated from the corrupt Church of Rome in the Middle Ages. It is sad to say that in recent times, through the vehicle of religious ecumenism, almost all the Protestants that separated from the fallen Roman Catholic Church have gone back to her, and fitly become Apostate Protestants. Thus, the second fall of Babylon fits Protestants who have gone back to Catholicism. The apostle Paul summarises these points in relation to the fall of the Papacy and her daughters with these strong graphic words:

2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, EXCEPT THERE COME A FALLING AWAY FIRST, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.



Babylon Is Fallen, Is Fallen (cont'd)

From the passage above, the apostle Paul made it clear that the second coming of Christ will take place only after a falling away from the truth of God's Holy Word. **And, that is exactly what we are seeing today in relation to the Roman Catholic-led ecumenical movement that encompasses almost all Protestants that once defied Rome on the basis of Sola Scriptura.** From what we have considered so far, it is clear that the double fall of Babylon as described in Revelation 14:8 and Revelation 18:2 fitly points to the Roman Catholic Papacy and her daughters of Apostate Protestants. **It is as a result of this growing satanic union that triggers the mighty cry of the "fourth angel" in Revelation 18: "Come out of her, my people" a final dire warning which calls God's faithful people out of all the corrupt systems of worship before God finally pours out His judgement on Babylon (see Revelation 16:17-21).**



The Wine Of The Wrath Of Her Fornication

The wine of Babylon represents the various false doctrines that this apostate church embraces. The Scripture uses a pure woman to represent the people of God (Jeremiah 6:2; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:31, 32). When the people of God become unfaithful to Him, God refers to them as a whore (see Hosea 2:1-13).

The antichrist power, as the Scripture describes here as Babylon, is actually a religious system that was once faithful to the principles of God. However, with the passage of time, she gradually forsook these godly principles until she fell, and became corrupted and worldly. The Church of Rome embraced one ancient pagan custom after another until one could not determine whether the Church was that of Christ or mammon.

Some of the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church that can be traced directly from the religious system of ancient Babylon include the following: Direct Sun Worship, Sunday Worship instead of the Bible Sabbath, Penance, Indulgences, Infant Sprinkling, the Confessional, Immortality of the Soul, Praying to the Dead, Holy Water, the Mass, Monks, Rosary Beads, the Tonsure, the Mitres, the Cross, Nuns, Pontiff, Candles, Purgatory, Limbo, and the Wafer. These false doctrines which Papal Rome inherited from paganism are what the Scripture refer to as the wine of her fornication (Revelation 17:2).



The Wine Of The Wrath Of Her Fornication (cont'd)

From Revelation 17, we obtain another interesting dimension in relation to the wine of Babylon.

The apostle John provides the following information concerning Babylon: "*With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication*" (Revelation 17:2). **The message from this text helps us to understand that the adulterous wine of Babylon actually intoxicates the inhabitants of the earth. The false doctrines of Sunday worship, immortality of the soul, and the fake signs and wonders movement that are sweeping across the ecumenical fraternity today are actually spiritual forms of high alcohol content wine that puts all those who sip them into a deep stupor under the umbrella of Babylon the Great. With an understanding of this point, the people of God must realise how they need to be patient and prayerful as they seek to carry across the three angels' messages to the inhabitants of the world, many of whom are drunk with the maddening wine of Babylon (Revelation 17:2; Revelation 18:3).**



The Wine Of The Wrath Of Her Fornication (cont'd)

God is about to judge Babylon (review [Revelation 16:19](#)). But before He brings judgement upon this apostate system, He is with a loud cry calling out all His faithful children out of the system: "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" ([Revelation 18:4](#)). Beloved, knowing what you know today, will you continue to remain in Babylon and follow her false doctrines of Sunday worship, immortality of the soul and the like?

The Lord is calling you to be separate from the accursed thing and save your soul. For those who will harden their hearts despite God's urgent pleas, the following prophecy from the apostle Paul will soon become a reality in their lives:

[2 Thessalonians 2:9](#) Even him (the antichrist), whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

[10](#) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

[11](#) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

[12](#) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



Darkness Leads To Destruction

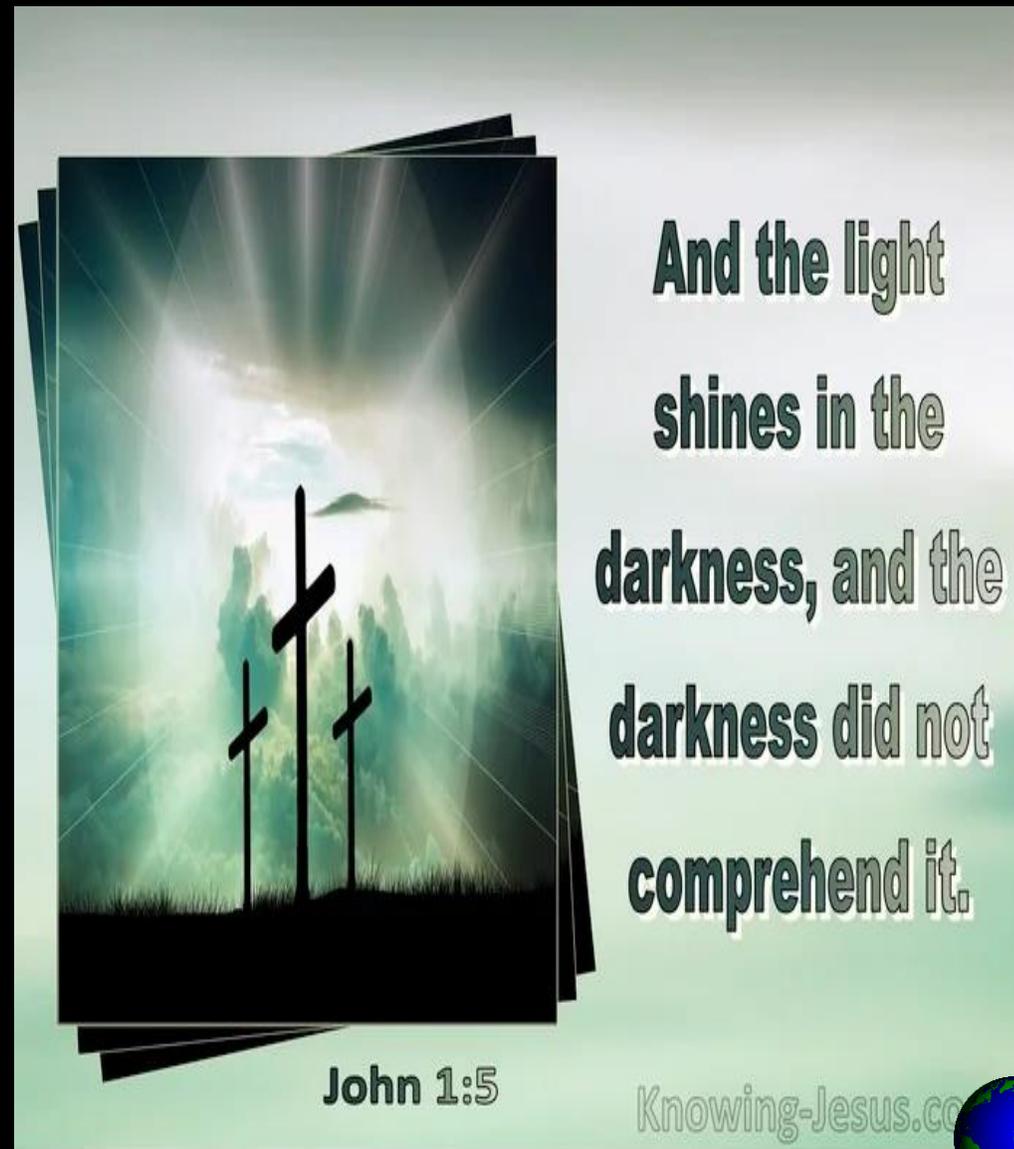
The third angel's message is graphically chronicled in the heart of Revelation as follows:

Revelation 14:9 *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*

10 *The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

11 *And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

In order for us to obtain a clear understanding of this important message, we will consider the pivotal expressions that are found in the passage.



And the light
shines in the
darkness, and the
darkness did not
comprehend it.

John 1:5

Knowing-Jesus.com



If Any Man Worship

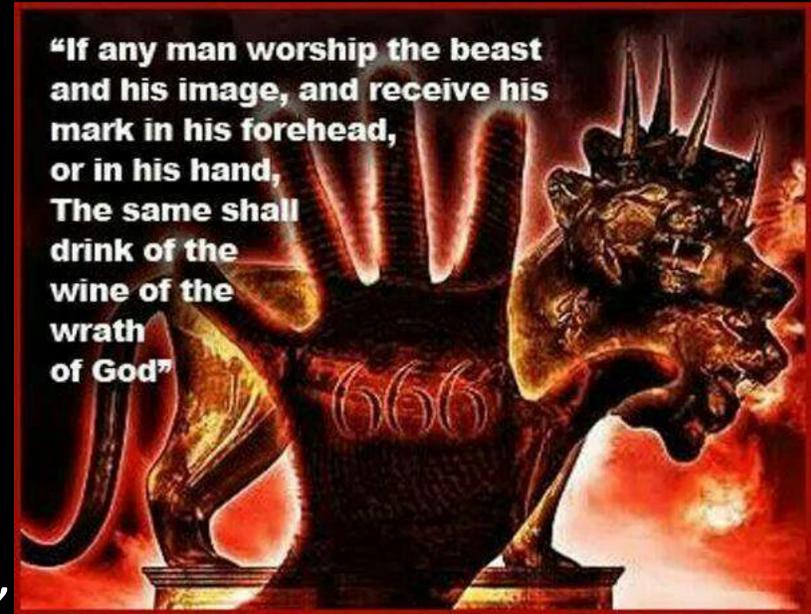
One of the recurring themes in the book of Revelation is the issue of worship. In Revelation 9, we come across a different scenario where certain inhabitants on earth choose to rather "worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk" (Revelation 9:20).

In Revelation 13 and 14, the issue of worship rises to a crescendo. In the chapter 13, the wicked inhabitants of the earth choose to worship Satan, the dragon.

Revelation 13:4 *And they WORSHIPPED the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they WORSHIPPED the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*
8 *And all that dwell upon the earth shall WORSHIP him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

12 *And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to WORSHIP the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*

15 *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not WORSHIP the image of the beast should be killed.*



ANTICHRIST AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Revelation 14:9-10 *"If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand. The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,"*



If Any Man Worship (cont'd)

In Revelation 14, God sends forth one of the most fearsome warnings ever given in the Holy Scriptures to mankind (review Revelation 14:9-11).

This warning has to do with the pivotal theme of worship in the book. The warning message begins with the words "IF ANY MAN WORSHIP" (Revelation 14:9). Through this phrase God clearly establishes the fact that none besides Him, the Creator, is to be worshipped, and that if one chooses any other object of worship, the person will face the dire consequences of His choice as is expressed in the message of the third angel (review Revelation 14:9-11)

It is interesting to learn that at the latter portions of the book of Revelation, we read about the end of Satan, sin and sinners (Revelation 20:9-15).

From this point forward, the redeemed from the earth, just as the unfallen angels in heaven, will forever worship the Creator God who inhabiteth eternity (Isaiah 66:22, 23; Isaiah 57:15; Revelation 21:1-4; Revelation 21:22-27; Revelation 22:1-5).



ATTENTION

| FIRST MESSAGE | SECOND MESSAGE | THIRD MESSAGE |
|--|--|---|
| And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. Revelation 14:6,7 | And there followed another angel, saying, BABYLON IS FALLEN is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. Revelation 14:8 | And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, ¹⁰ The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Revelation 14:9-11 |



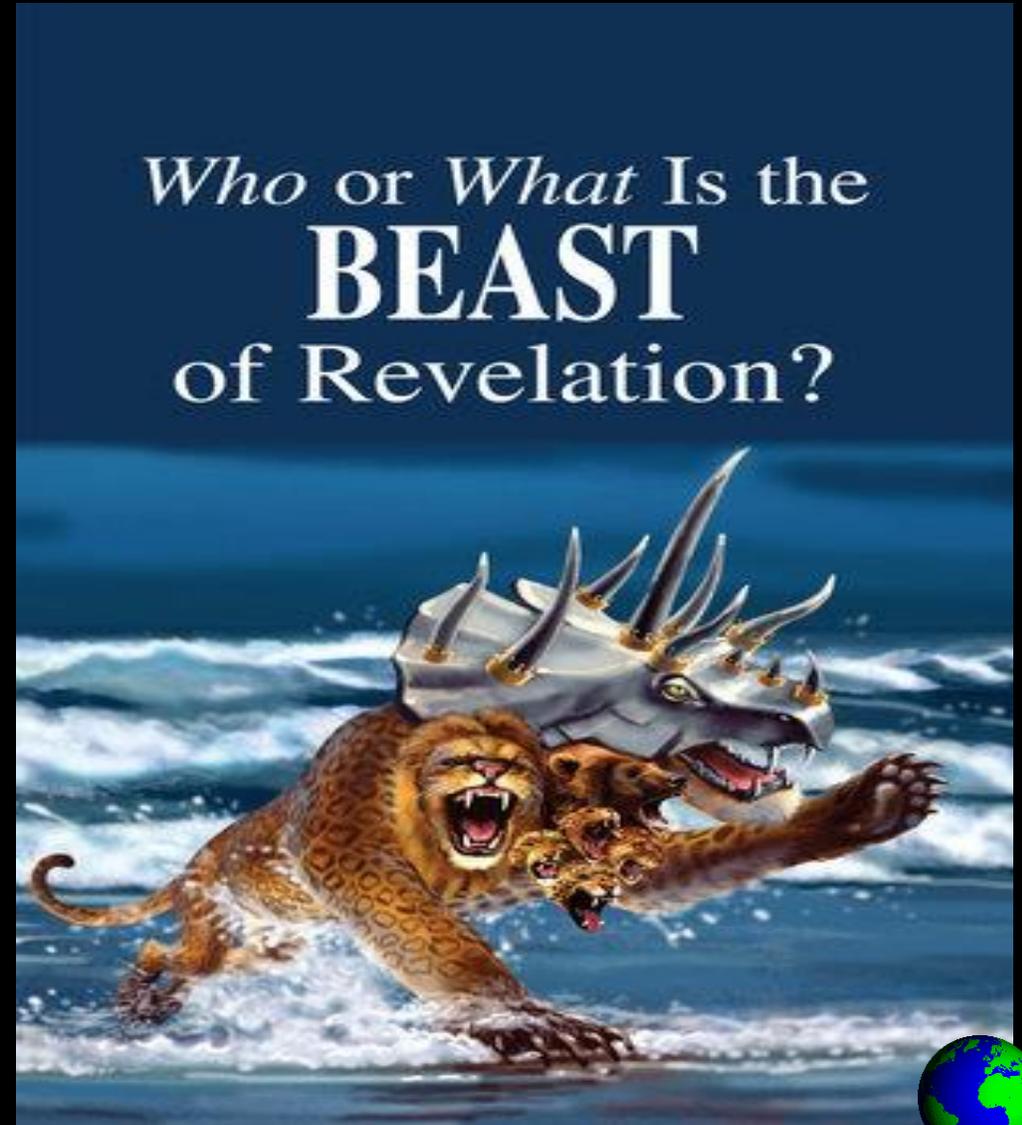
The Beast And His Image

The Bible provides 81 characteristic marks that show clearly the identity of the beast power that is mentioned here in [Revelation 14](#) and [13](#).

There is only one power in secular history that fits all the identifying marks of the beast power as described in the prophetic books of [Daniel](#) and [Revelation](#). This power is none other than the Papacy, the Roman Catholic Church System. It is interesting to note that just as the Scripture portrays concerning the beast power (see [Revelation 13:8](#)), the Roman Catholic Papacy is actually a religious system whose pontiff receive worship from the inhabitants of the earth. Describing the leader of this antichristian power, the apostle Paul made the following sobering statement: [2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4](#).

When we begin to consider some of the names that apply to Christ in Scripture, we shudder at such pompous words from the Catholic Church.

Is it possible to apply names such as The Mighty God, Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and The Everlasting Father, to a mere man?



The Dragon and the Beast

This attitude of coveting the position and titles that are due God alone was born in the heart of the dragon that actually set up this antichristian power of Roman Catholicism (see 2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelation 13:2).

For Satan has from the beginning of his fall coveted the high and lofty throne of the Creator God.

Isaiah 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Thus, it is not surprising that the religious system that Satan has set up to receive worship from the world also has similar characteristics of coveting and actually receiving the worship that is due the Creator God alone.

Revelation 13:4 And they WORSHIPPED the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they WORSHIPPED the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?
8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall WORSHIP him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The Satanic Trinity

The Dragon



The Beast



The False Prophet



The Beast and its Image

The subject concerning the image of the beast can be well understood when we understand the entire passage of [Revelation 13](#). In summary, [Revelation 13](#) talks about 2 beasts: The sea beast which represents the Papacy and the land beast which represents the United States of America. In [Revelation 13:12](#), we learn that America will exercise all the power of the first beast before him, and cause the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. This text portrays how America that began like a lamb will behave like a dragon in the closing scenes of this world's history (see [Revelation 13:11](#)). What this means is that America will forsake her constitutional mode of governance, and utilise the coercive instruments such as was utilised by the Papacy in the middle ages. When America begins to utilise brute force in compelling her citizens to go by her dogmas such as the Papacy utilised in the middle ages, she will have formed an image or a copy of the sea beast of [Revelation 13](#). This is what is referred to as the image of the beast. See [Revelation 13:11-15](#).



Dragon,

SEA & LAND BEAST

& 666



Receive his mark in forehead, or in hand

From [Revelation 14:9](#), we learn that the wicked will receive the mark of the beast in their foreheads or in their hands.

Before we consider what receiving the mark in the forehead or hand means, it is important for us to first know what the mark is. The mark in reference here is the mark of the beast power. We have earlier determined in this lesson that the beast power that is mentioned in [Revelation 14:9](#) is the Papacy. Now, from simple point, we can postulate that if the beast power is the Papacy, then it follows that the mark of the beast will actually be a mark that is associated with Roman Catholicism. With this clear point made, a very important question that we will have to find an answer to is this: What does the Roman Catholic Church claim to be the MARK or SIGN of her authority?

SUN-day

“The Mark of the Papacy’s Authority”

Sunday is our MARK of authority....

The (Roman) church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact.

— Catholic Record, September 1, 1923 (Ontario)



Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine

1) From the Catholic Record, London, Ontario September 1, 1923 we read the following: "Sunday is our mark of authority, the church is above the Bible and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of the fact and any protestant who keeps Sunday acknowledges this".

2) From the "Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine" 2nd Edition 1910, p. 50 we read the following:

"QUESTION: Which is the Sabbath day?"

"ANSWER: Saturday is the Sabbath day."

"QUESTION: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?"

"ANSWER: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the council of Laodicea transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."

**The Catholic Church, admits
Seventh-Day Adventist
Are keeping the
True Sabbath of the Lord.**

The Question Box," The Catholic Universe Bulletin (August 14, 1942): 4:

The (Catholic) Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her Founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter, the Seventh-day Adventist is the only consistent Protestant.



Mark of the Beast - Forehead & Hand

What does it mean to receive the mark in the forehead or in the hand? The answer to this question is quite straightforward: People who will receive the mark in their hand will do so for convenience. Such people will not want to be affected by the strict Sunday laws that will affect their labour, and hence their source of livelihood. On the other hand, those who receive the mark on their forehead will do so on the basis of their personal beliefs or convictions in respect to Sunday sacredness.

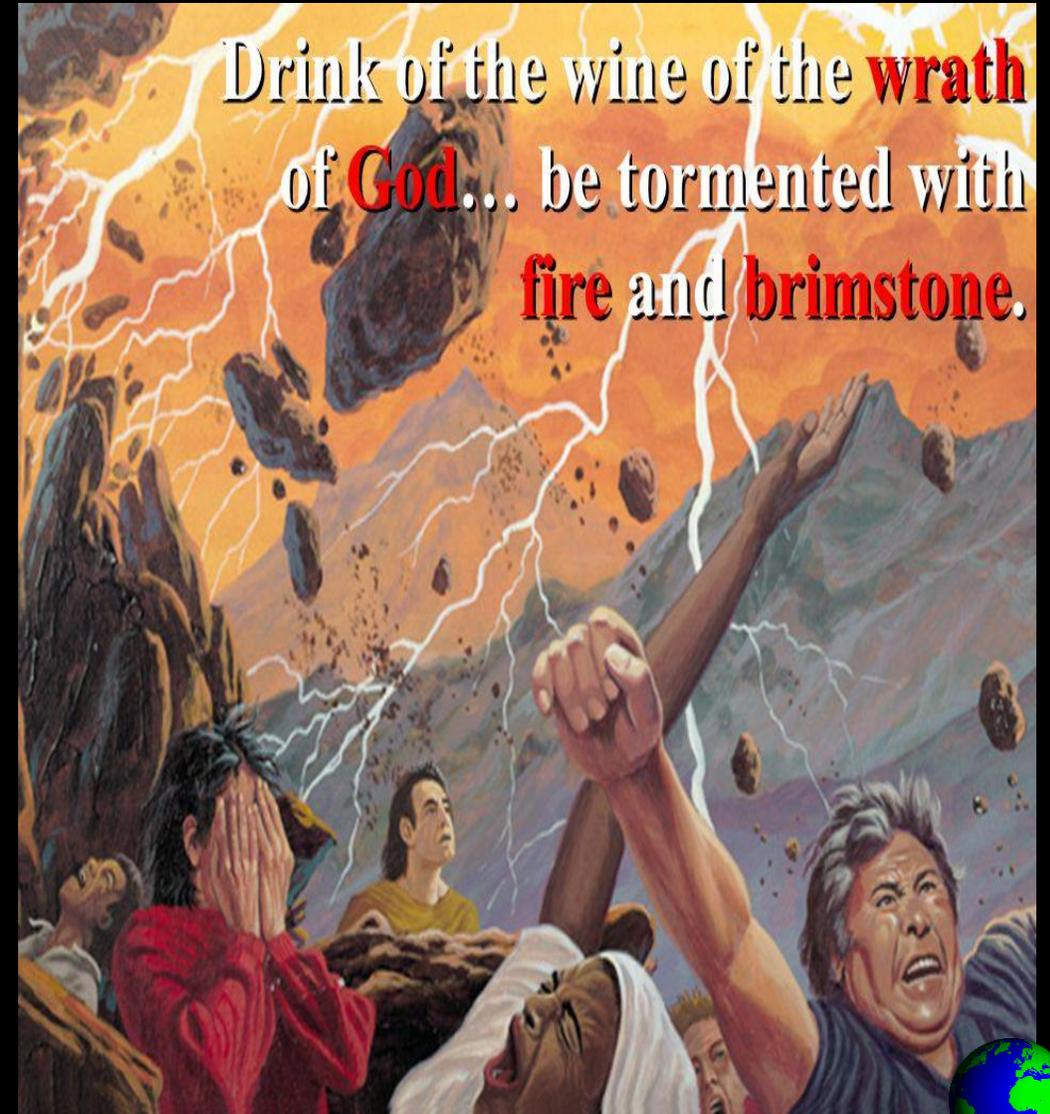
Beloved, in either way, the Bible teaches that in the final hours of earth's history, anyone who decides to accept the mark of the beast (Sunday worship) instead of the Bible Sabbath will actually be trampling upon the plain commandments of God as found in Exodus 20:8-11 (see Revelation 14:6, 7). Such people will be acting in direct opposite to the saints of God who will keep all of the commandments of God (see Revelation 14:12). In relation to those who will choose to honour the Papal Sunday Sabbath, the Bible pronounces the following strong words: "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).



The Wine Of The Wrath Of God

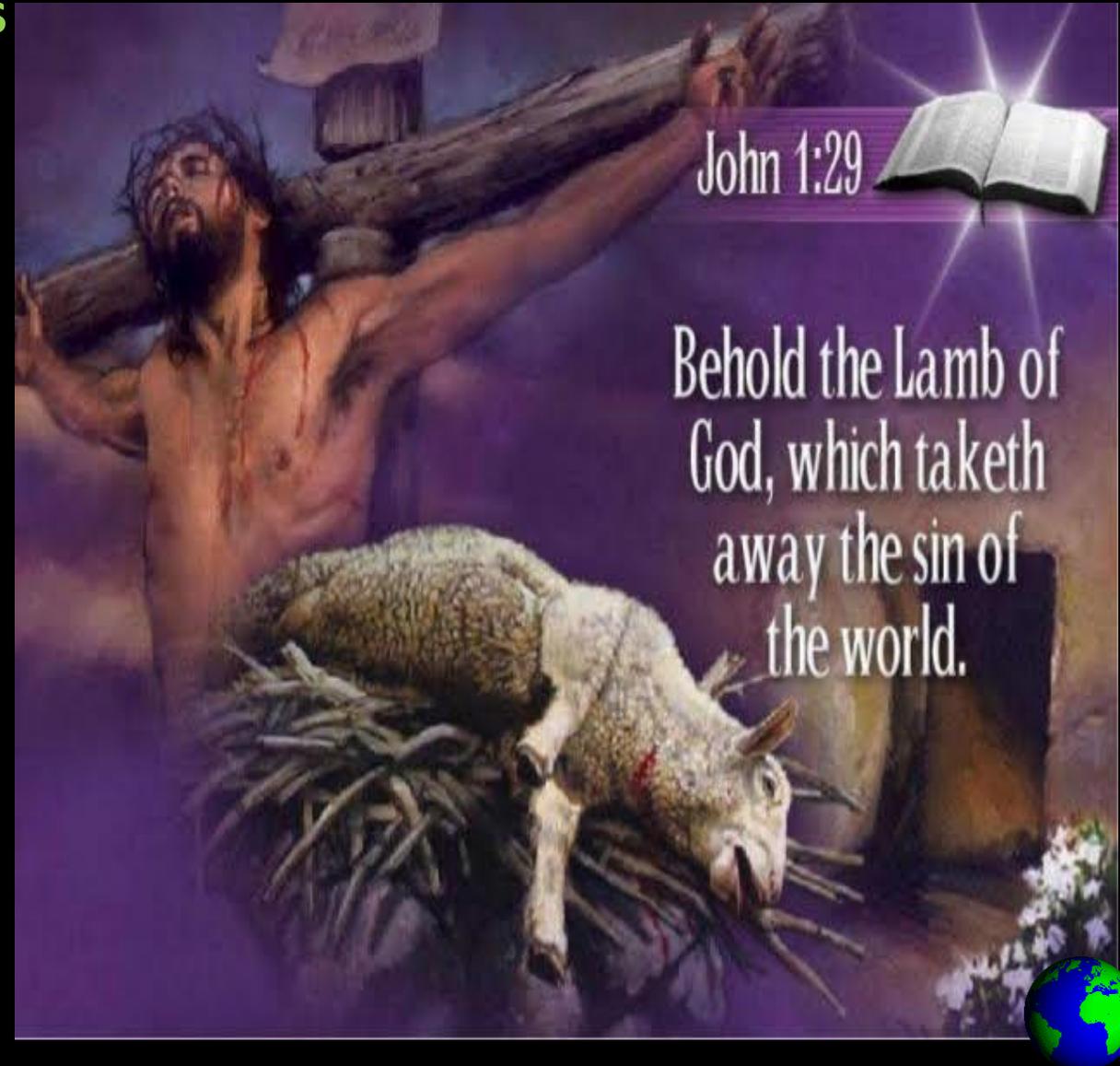
From [Revelation 14:10](#), we learn that those who receive the mark of the beast will also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation. From the previous passage of [Revelation 13](#), Satan has coerced the inhabitants of the world to receive the mark of the beast (see [Revelation 13:15-17](#)). Those who decided to go contrary to the devil's coercive instruments have been persecuted through economic sanctions, and finally the death penalty. As [Revelation 13](#) closes, it looks as if all hope for God's people is gone, and that the wicked who follow and worship the beast power are the ones who will triumph and have life, peace and rest. We can fully grasp the meaning of the wrath of God when we follow the last scenes of the life of Christ and what our Saviour had to go through as a result of His choice to die in the place of the sinner. After the Last Supper with the disciples, Jesus set His face to go to the Garden of Gethsemane.

* Please read: [Matthew 26:36-45](#) and [Luke 22:40-46](#).



The Wine Of The Wrath Of God (cont'd)

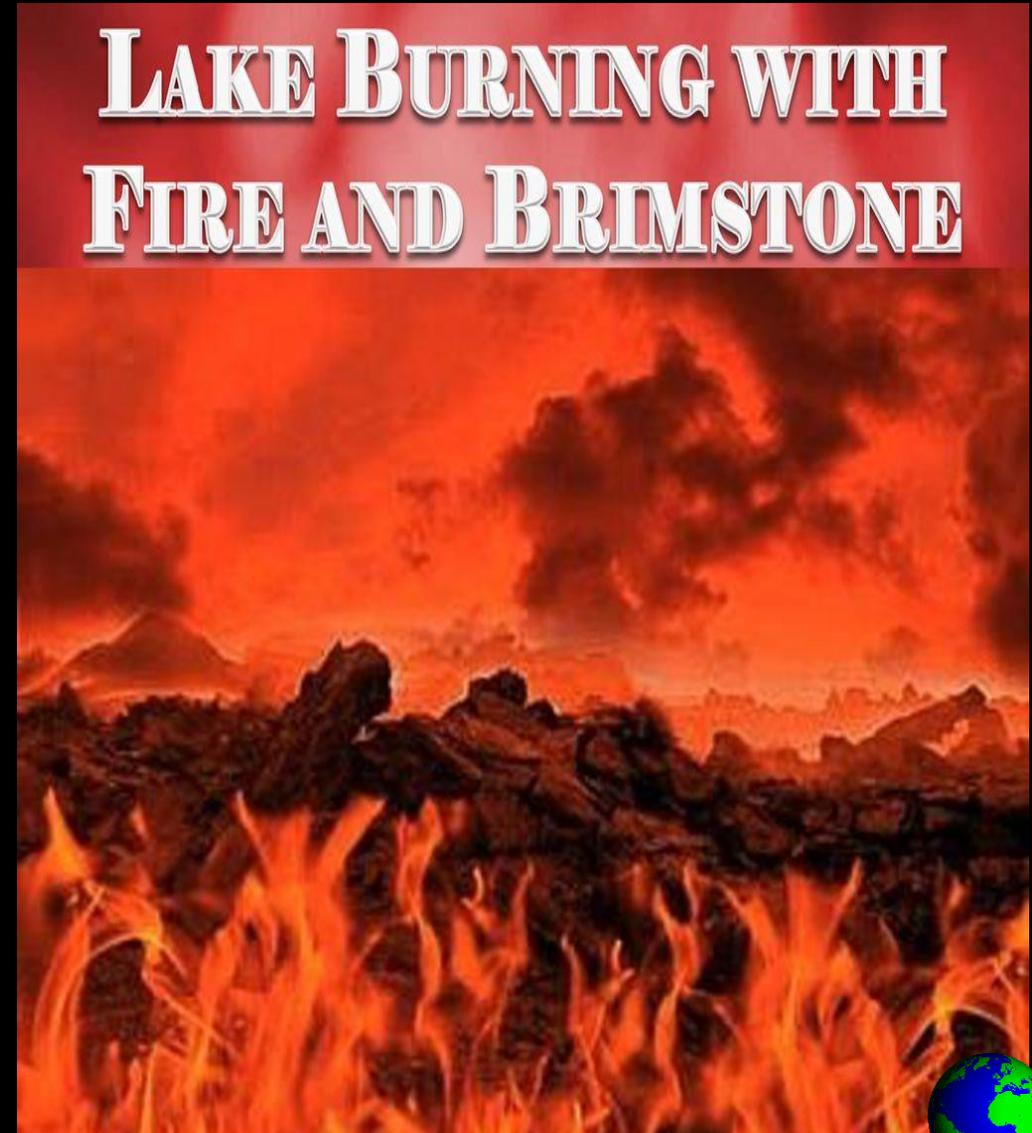
It is unfortunate however, that despite this offer of salvation, many from the race of Adam will choose to follow Satan and the beast power that he has set up in direct contradiction to the commandments of God (Revelation 13:8). All of such, who follow the beast power, and thus Satan, will have to drink the cup of the wrath of God without mixture for themselves. As Jesus suffered on the cross, they will also suffer the heart wrenching reality of an eternal separation from their loving Creator when Christ will no longer plead for the sinner in the heavenly sanctuary (Revelation 22:11). This is the most bitter torture that the wicked will bear as they begin to face the awful physical penalties in the form of the seven last plagues that will herald the second coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven (Revelation 16:1-21).



Tormented With Fire And Brimstone

From [Revelation 14:10, 11](#), we come across the following message in relation to the punishment of the wicked that will choose to follow the beast power.

The unleashing of the seven last plagues is the first portion of the physical torment that the wicked who choose to follow Satan will experience. The seven last plagues will destroy many of the wicked inhabitants of the earth. The rest will be consumed when Christ appears in glory to redeem the saints at the second coming (see [2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:8](#); [Isaiah 11:4](#); [Jeremiah 25:33](#)). The fire and brimstone that are hurled on the wicked takes place 1,000 years after the second coming of Christ (see [Revelation 20:4, 5](#)). After the millennium, the wicked will be resurrected to face the executive judgement of God. It is here that the Lord will eternally destroy the wicked with fire and brimstone ([Revelation 20:9-15](#)).



**LAKE BURNING WITH
FIRE AND BRIMSTONE**

No eternal life in hellfire

Bible is clear. The fires of hell will burn up the wicked, leaving them neither root nor branch. In other words, a time is coming that the unrighteous from all generations of human history, including Satan himself will cease to exist (see Psalm 37:9, 10; Ezekiel 26:21; Ezekiel 27:36; Ezekiel 28:19). As you might have noticed earlier, the Bible describes the final destruction of the wicked in the lake of fire as the **SECOND DEATH** (see Revelation 20:6; Revelation 20:14; Revelation 21:8). Unlike the first death that mankind experiences today, those who will experience the second death will never again see a resurrection. They will be eternally separated from the arms of the loving God whom they have despised and rejected (see 1 John 4:8, 16). Thus, contrary to the popular teaching about hell today, the Scripture reinforces the point that while the results of hellfire (second death) will be everlasting, the actual burning will be a temporary condition.

IS THERE LITERALLY FIRE
AND BRIMSTONE IN HELL?



The Patience Of The Saints

The last portion of the third angel's message reads: "*Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus*" (Revelation 14:12).

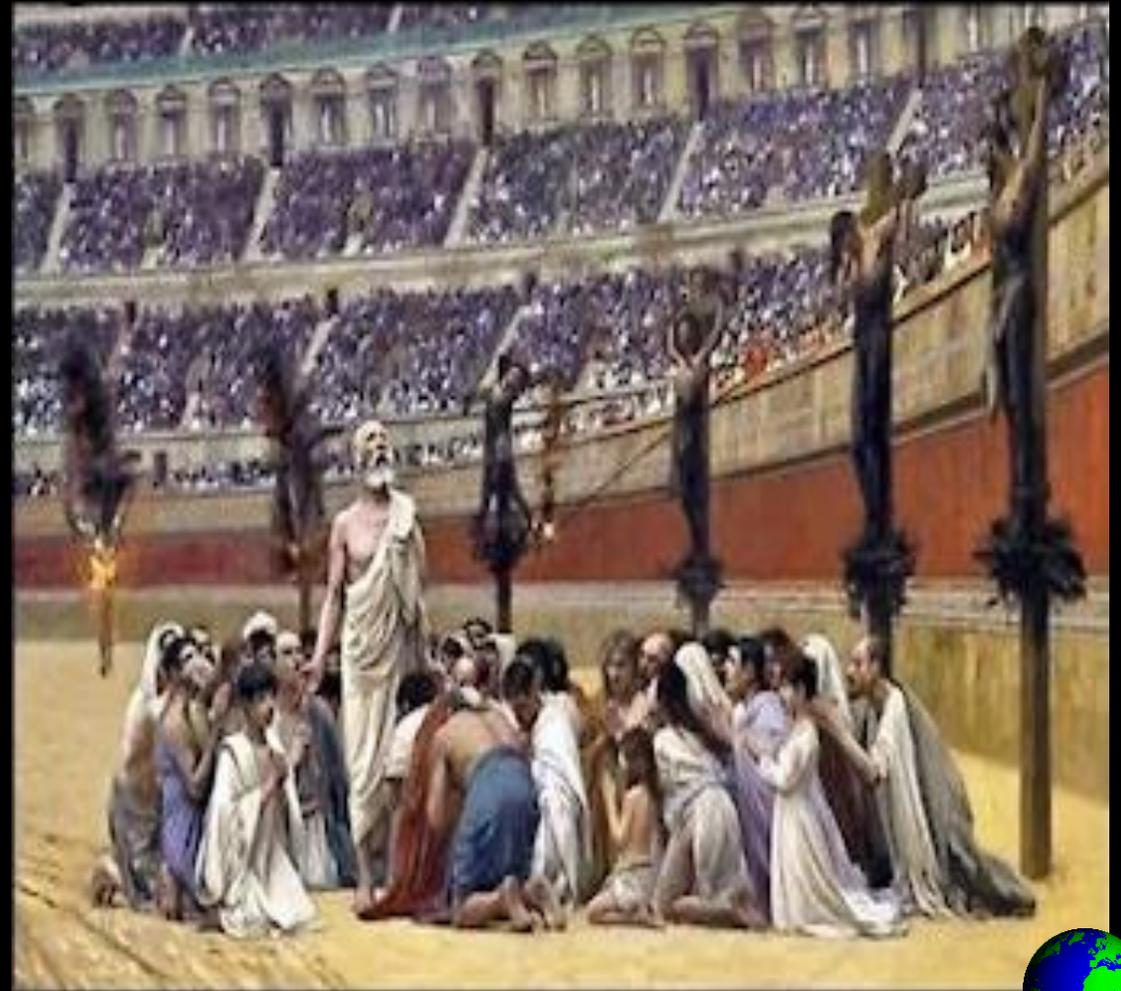
'Here is the patience of the saints' (Revelation 14:12) is also translated as "This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God".

The patience or endurance of the saints is one of the vital fruit of the Spirit that the saints will have to develop before they enter the final crises of this world's history (Galatians 5:22, 23).

Such patience is developed as the saints bear the various trials that God brings upon their Christian path with meekness and godly fear.

Outlined below are some Bible passages from the book of Revelation and other portions of the New Testament which emphasises this important virtue that is to be developed by God's end time people: See Revelation 13:10; Revelation 1:9; Romans 5:3, 4; 2 Corinthians 6:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; James 5:7, 10; James 1:3, 4; Luke 21:19.

Here Is The Patience Of The Saints



Blessed Are The Dead Which Die In The Lord From Henceforth

After the third angel's message, the apostle John hears another message in relation to the saints: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them" ([Revelation 14:13](#)).

In [Revelation 14:13](#), the saints are made aware that many of them will suffer martyrdom as a result of the oppression of the beast power. However, they are encouraged with the blessed hope of the special resurrection. Besides the special resurrection of the wicked that we find in [Revelation 1:7](#), some scholars assert that the special resurrection will also involve some class of the righteous.

"Graves are opened, and many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth... awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. [Daniel 12:2](#). All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. They also which pierced Him ([Revelation 1:7](#)), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient." -- [Great Controversy, page 637](#)

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to EVERLASTING LIFE



But the others to disgrace and Everlasting Contempt

Daniel 12:2



Conclusion

From the scriptural passages we have considered so far, it is clear that the third angel's message contains the most fearsome warning ever given by God to the human race. **If we consider the fact that on the Cross of Calvary, God allowed His only begotten Son to drink of His wrath without mixture, the cup that indeed the sinner should have drunk himself** (see [Genesis 2:17](#)), we come to understand why God has given the dire warning of the third angel in [Revelation 14:9-11](#). **This warning is to arouse the indifferent and careless to the lofty realities of the plan of salvation, and to help him make a decided choice to worship the Creator God rather than following the traditions and dictates of man. For at the end of the day, those who despite the entreaties and warnings of the third angel by choosing to worship the beast power, and subsequently Satan, will have no excuse when they are finally separated from the heart of a loving God.**



SATURDAY



SABBATH

The seventh-day of the week.

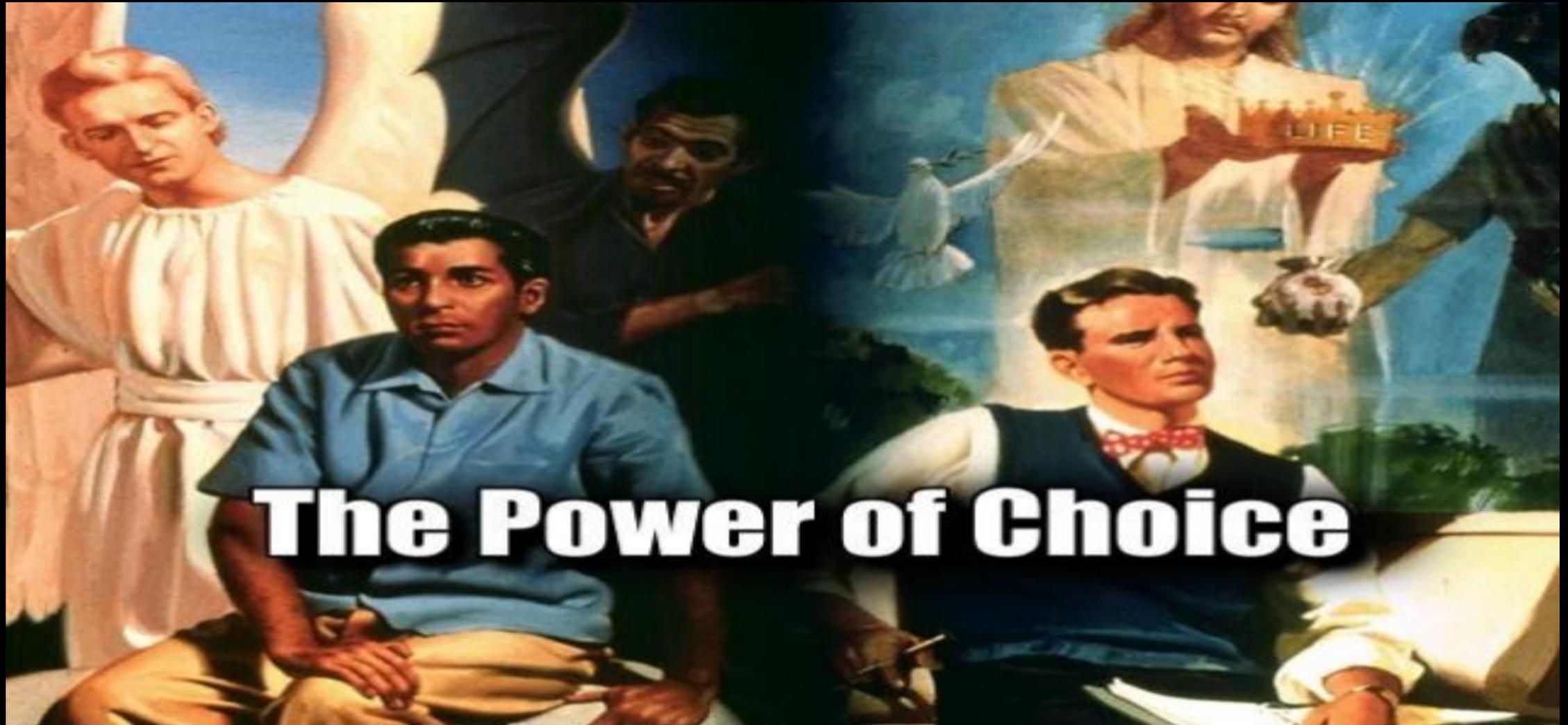


SUNDAY

The first day of the week

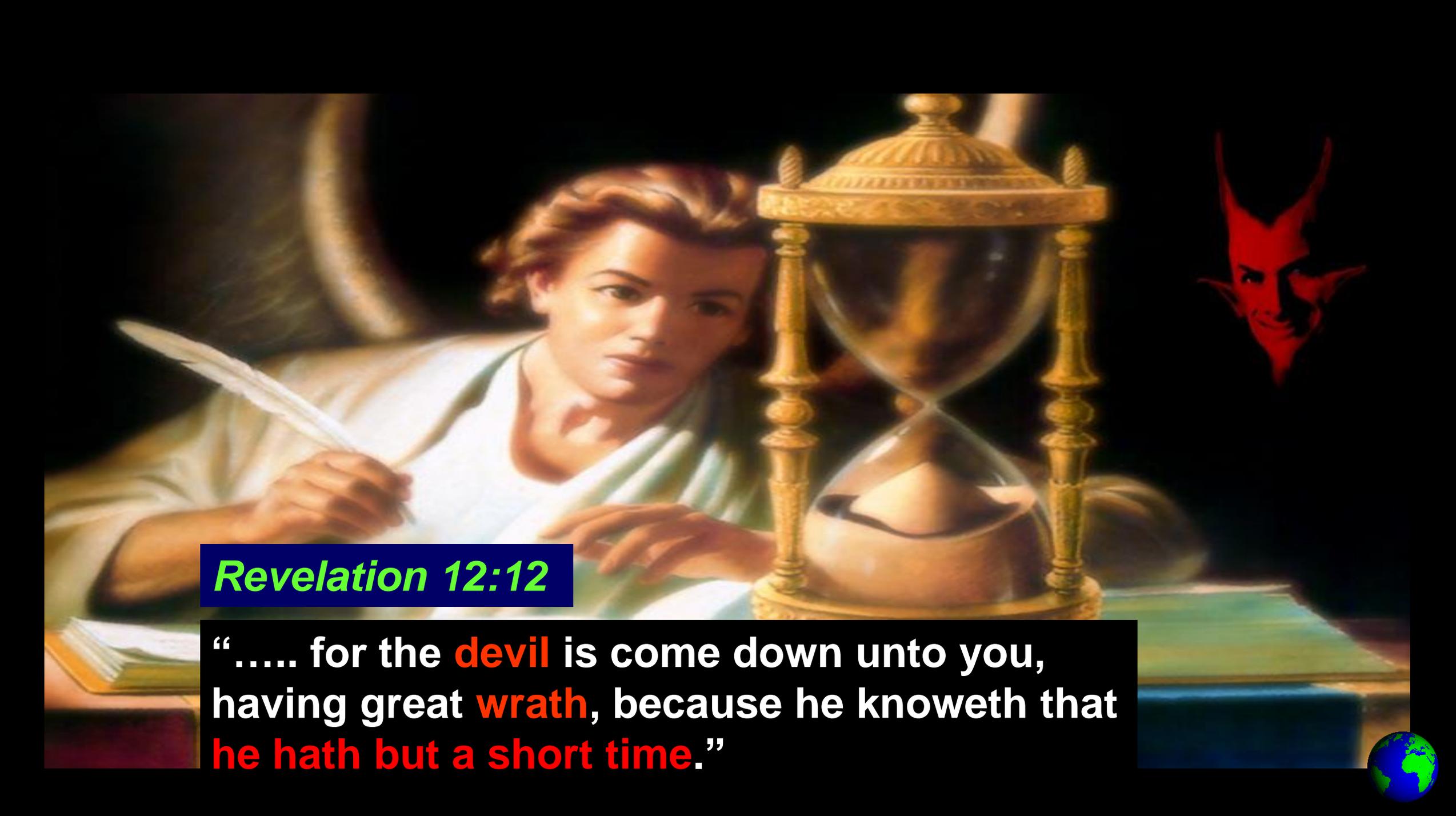


God has given all:



The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?