

Maranatha: The Lord is Coming! ***Part 18***



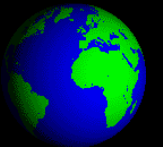
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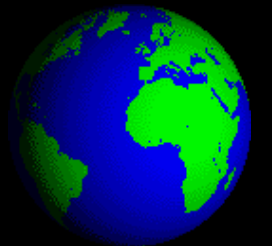
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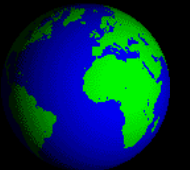


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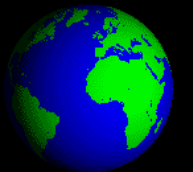
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**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Pointed Gourd

Health Benefits of Pointed Gourd (Seek Medical Advice)

Botanically named as *Trichosanthes dioica*, the Pointed Gourd is a dioecious vine-like plant with distinctive heart-shaped leaves. It is native to India. Pointed gourd has a mild flavour and a soft, mushy texture, all of which allow it to take on the flavours of the spices and other ingredients with which it is cooked.

Health benefits of pointed gourd:

1. Helps digestion and constipation: fibres aid in proper digestion and make for more regular bowel habits.
2. Helps regulates glucose levels: ability to regulate blood sugar levels is due to the presence of a number of nutrients.
3. Helps in weight loss: In addition to being high in fibre, pointed gourd has a low calorie count.
4. Acts as blood purifier: Is excellent at regulating kapha and can therefore be used to purify the blood.
5. Reduces cholesterol in the blood: they are effective for lowering LDL cholesterol.
6. Treats cold and flu: high vitamin C content is responsible for this effect in common colds.
7. Has anti-aging properties: high levels of antioxidants & vitamins A & C, can be used to delay the visible effects of skin ageing.
8. Helps in jaundice, has antibacterial properties, treats anorexia.

Side effects: **Bloating, Nausea, headaches & Light-headedness.**

known as
Parwal, Patola,
and Potol

Nutrients per 100g

Energy (kcal)	24.139
Carbohydrate (g)	3.54
Protein (g)	1.40
Total Fat (g)	0.30
Dietary Fibre (g)	2.61
Vitamin B9 (µg)	19.96
Vitamin C (mg)	19.24
Calcium (mg)	30.76
Magnesium (mg)	24.59
Phosphorus (mg)	33.81
Potassium (mg)	117
Selenium (µg)	2.32
Sodium (mg)	2.29
Zinc (mg)	0.23

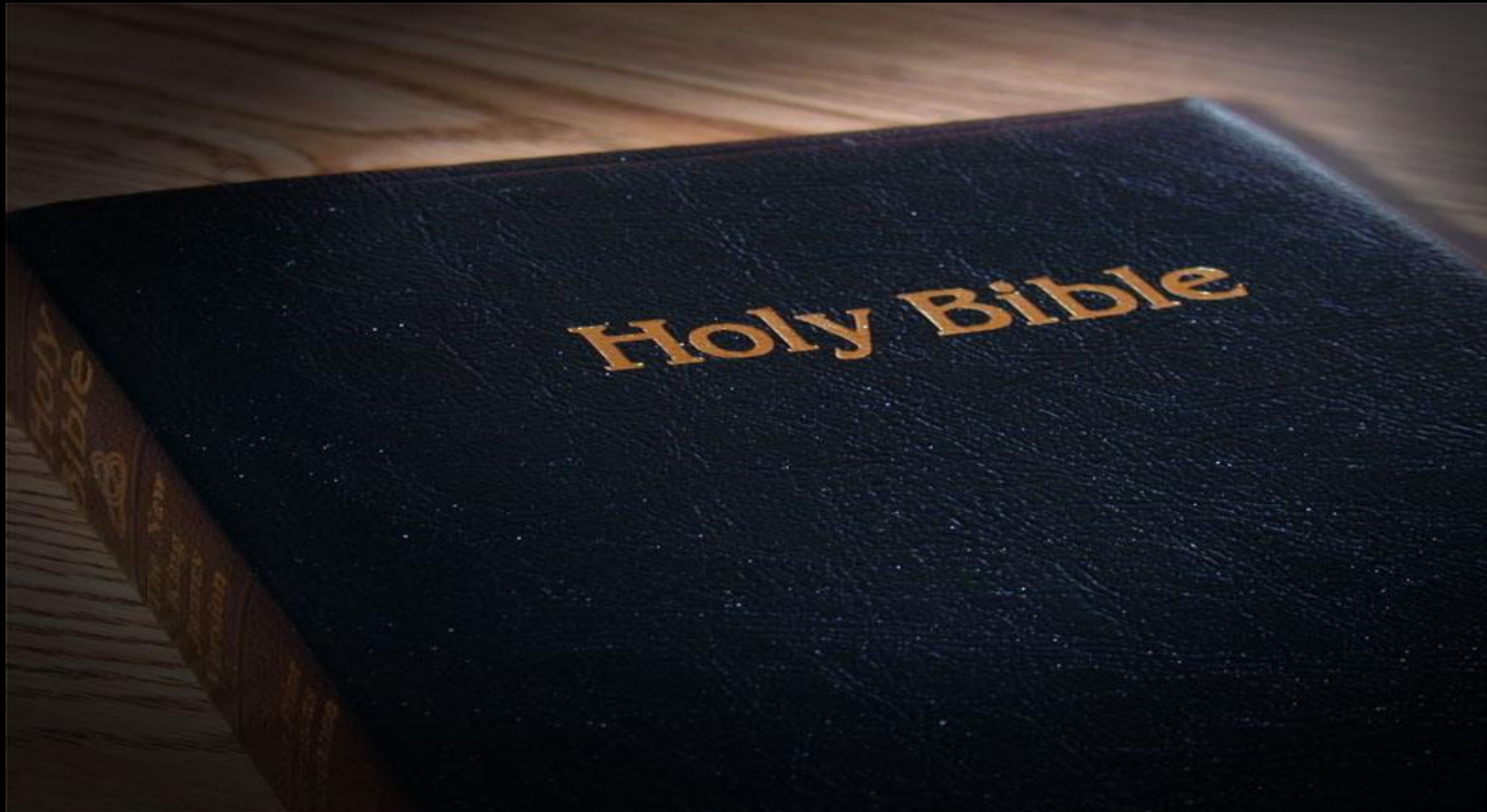


Scientific Name -
*Trichosanthes
dioica*

Common Names	Parwar, patol, parval, patola, green potato
Plant parts used	Root, leaf and fruit
Plant	Vine, grows over six meters in height
Fruit Shape & Size	Oblong, smooth, 5 to 15 cm long
Fruit Color	Yellowish-green color when young Burnt orange color when ripe
Taste	Tasteless



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1 Corinthians 1:7 KJV

*So that ye come behind in no gift;
waiting for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ:*



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Introduction:

Seven Last Plagues Begin to Fall

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.
[Revelation 16:1](#).

When Christ ceases His intercession in the sanctuary, the unmingled wrath threatened against those who worship the beast and his image and receive his mark ([Revelation 14:9, 10](#)), will be poured out.

The plagues upon Egypt when God was about to deliver Israel were similar in character to those more terrible and extensive judgments which are to fall upon the world just before the final deliverance of God's people. [Maranatha 267.1](#)

Says the revelator, in describing those terrific scourges: "*There fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.*"



Introduction: Seven Last Plagues Begin to Fall **(cont'd)**

The sea "became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea." And "the rivers and fountains of waters . . . became blood."

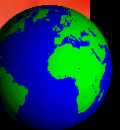
Terrible as these inflictions are, God's justice stands fully vindicated. The angel of God declares: *"Thou art righteous, O Lord, . . . because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."* [Revelation 16:2-6](#).

By condemning the people of God to death, they have as truly incurred the guilt of their blood as if it had been shed by their hands. . . .

[Maranatha 267.1](#)

In the plague that follows, power is given to the sun *"to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat."* [Verse 8, 9](#). . . .

[Maranatha 267.2](#)



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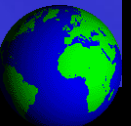
These plagues are not universal, or the inhabitants of the earth would be wholly cut off. Yet they will be the most awful scourges that have ever been known to mortals. All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy.

The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, wrath is poured out unmixed with mercy. [Maranatha 267.3](#)

The bolts of God's wrath are soon to fall, and when He shall begin to punish the transgressors, there will be no period of respite until the end. The storm of God's wrath is gathering, and those only will stand who are sanctified through the truth in the love of God. They shall be hid with Christ in God till the desolation shall be overpast. [Maranatha 267.4](#)



Having
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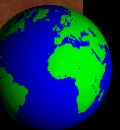


The Death Decree Issued

And he had power to . . . cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. [Revelation 13:15](#).

When Jesus leaves the most holy, His restraining Spirit is withdrawn from rulers and people. They are left to the control of evil angels. Then such laws will be made by the counsel and direction of Satan, that unless time should be very short, no flesh could be saved. [Maranatha 268.1](#)

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. [Maranatha 268.2](#)

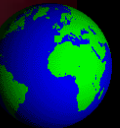
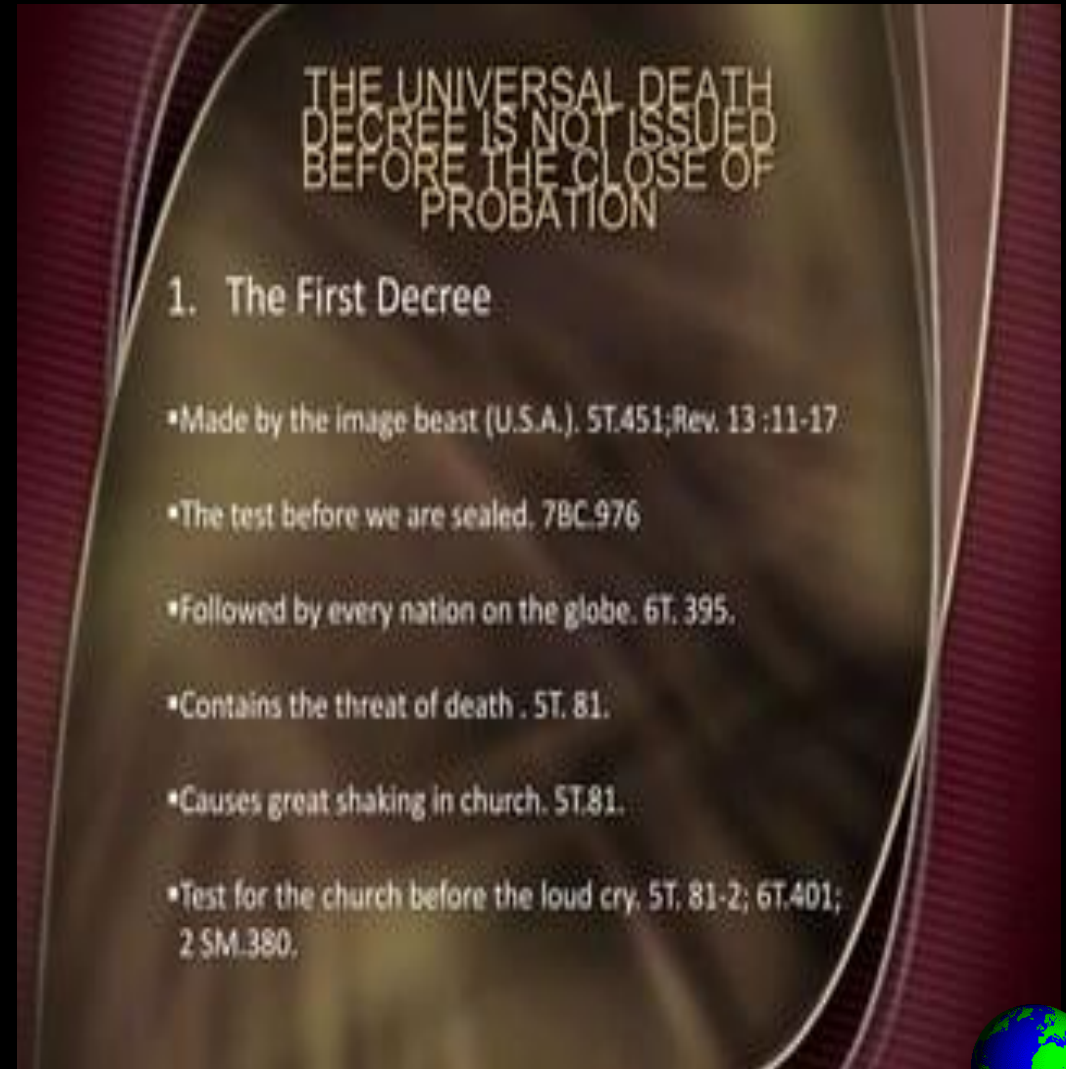


The Death Decree Issued (cont'd)

A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. [Maranatha 268.2](#)

I saw the leading men of the earth consulting together, and Satan and his angels busy around them. I saw a writing, copies of which were scattered in different parts of the land, giving orders that unless the saints should yield their peculiar faith, give up the Sabbath, and observe the first day of the week, the people were at liberty after a certain time to put them to death. [Maranatha 268.3](#)

Though a general decree has fixed the time when commandment keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavour to take their lives.



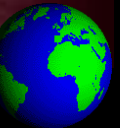
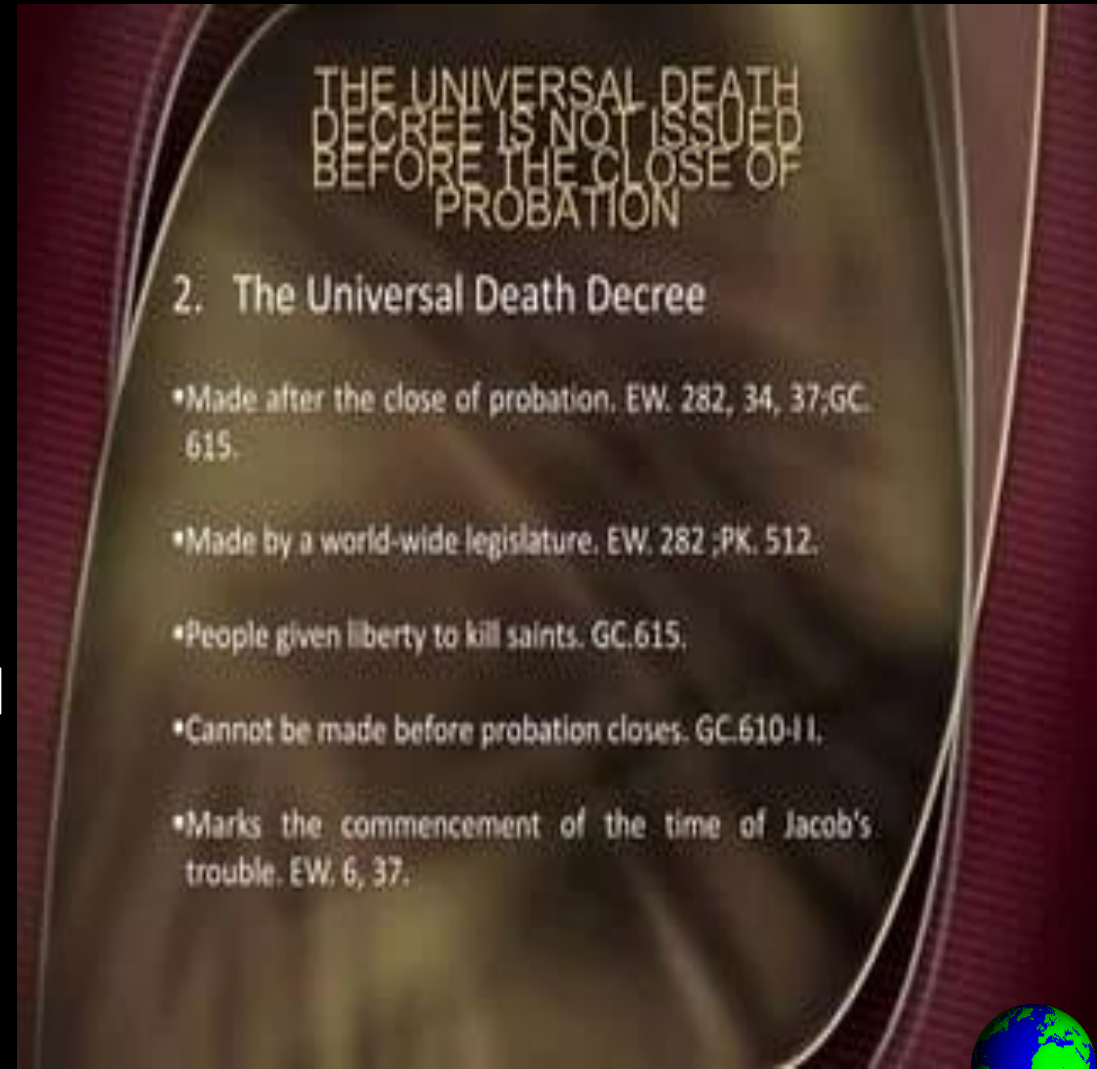
The Death Decree Issued (*cont'd*)

But none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul. Some are assailed in their flight from the cities and villages; but the swords raised against them break and fall powerless as a straw. Others are defended by angels in the form of men of war.

[Maranatha 268.4](#)

Could men see with heavenly vision, they would behold companies of angels that excel in strength stationed about those who have kept the word of Christ's patience. With sympathizing tenderness, angels have witnessed their distress and have heard their prayers.

They are waiting the word of their Commander to snatch them from their peril. But they must wait yet a little longer. The people of God must drink of the cup and be baptized with the baptism. [Maranatha 268.5](#)



Marked for Death

The letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day. [Esther 3:13](#).

The decree that will finally go forth against the remnant people of God will be very similar to that issued by Ahasuerus against the Jews.

[Maranatha 269.1](#)

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honour the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction.

As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof. [Maranatha 269.2](#)



Marked for Death (cont'd)

The decree will go forth that they must disregard the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and honour the first day, or lose their lives; but they will not yield, and trample under their feet the Sabbath of the Lord, and honour an institution of papacy. Satan's host and wicked men will surround them, and exult over them, because there will seem to be no way of escape for them.

[Maranatha 269.3](#)

When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people. This small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshalled by the dragon host, make God their defence. [Maranatha 269.4](#)



When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday).

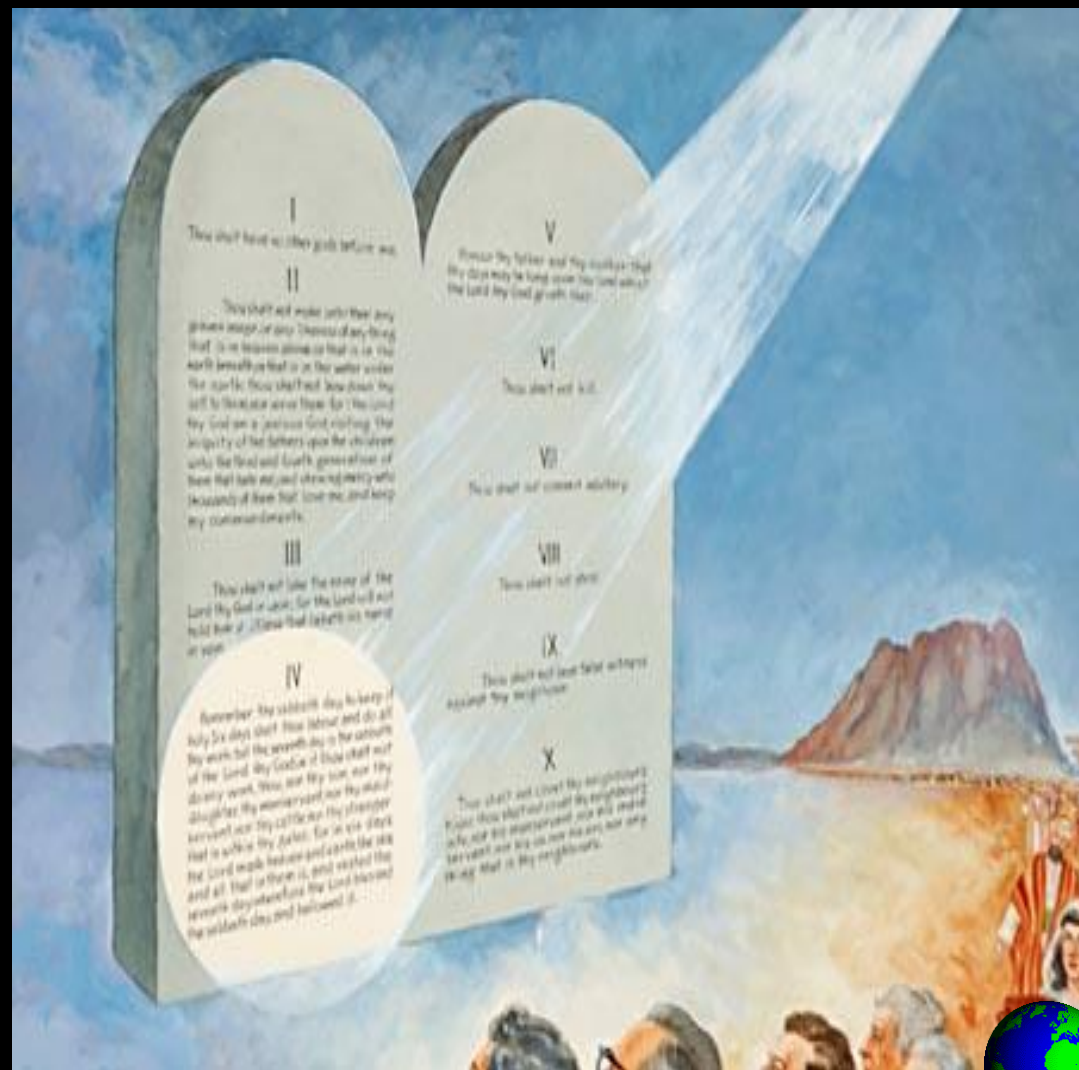


Marked for Death (cont'd)

The decree has been passed by the highest earthly authority that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark under pain of persecution and death. [Maranatha 269.4](#)

I saw the saints suffering great mental anguish. They seemed to be surrounded by the wicked inhabitants of the earth. Every appearance was against them. Some began to fear that God had at last left them to perish by the hand of the wicked. . . . [Maranatha 269.5](#)

It was an hour of fearful, terrible agony to the saints. Day and night they cried unto God for deliverance. To outward appearance, there was no possibility of their escape. The wicked had already begun to triumph, crying out, "Why doesn't your God deliver you out of our hands? Why don't you go up and save your lives?" But the saints heeded them not. [Maranatha 269.6](#)

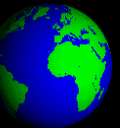


Angelic Protection in the Time of Trouble

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. [Isaiah 26:20](#).

In the day of fierce trial He [Christ] will say, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." What are the chambers in which they are to hide?

They are the protection of Christ and holy angels. The people of God are not at this time all in one place. They are in different companies, and in all parts of the earth. [Maranatha 270.1](#)



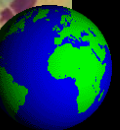
Angelic Protection in the Time of Trouble (cont'd)

I saw the saints leaving the cities and villages, and associating together in companies, and living in the most solitary places. Angels provided them food and water, while the wicked were suffering from hunger and thirst.

[Maranatha 270.2](#)

During the night a very impressive scene passed before me. There seemed to be great confusion and the conflict of armies. A messenger from the Lord stood before me, and said, "Call your household. I will lead you; follow me."

He led me down a dark passage, through a forest, then through the clefts of mountains, and said, "Here you are safe." There were others who had been led to this retreat. The heavenly messenger said. "The time of trouble has come as a thief in the night, as the Lord warned you it would come." [Maranatha 270.3](#)



Angelic Protection in the Time of Trouble (cont'd)

In the time of trouble just before the coming of Christ, the righteous will be preserved through the ministration of heavenly angels; but there will be no security for the transgressor of God's law.

Angels cannot then protect those who are disregarding one of the divine precepts. [Maranatha 270.4](#)

In the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who stand steadfastly for the right. . . . In the midst of the time of trouble--trouble such as has not been since there was a nation--His chosen ones will stand unmoved. Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints.

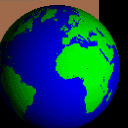
Angels that excel in strength will protect them, and in their behalf Jehovah will reveal Himself as a "God of gods," able to save to the uttermost those who have put their trust in Him. [Maranatha 270.5](#)

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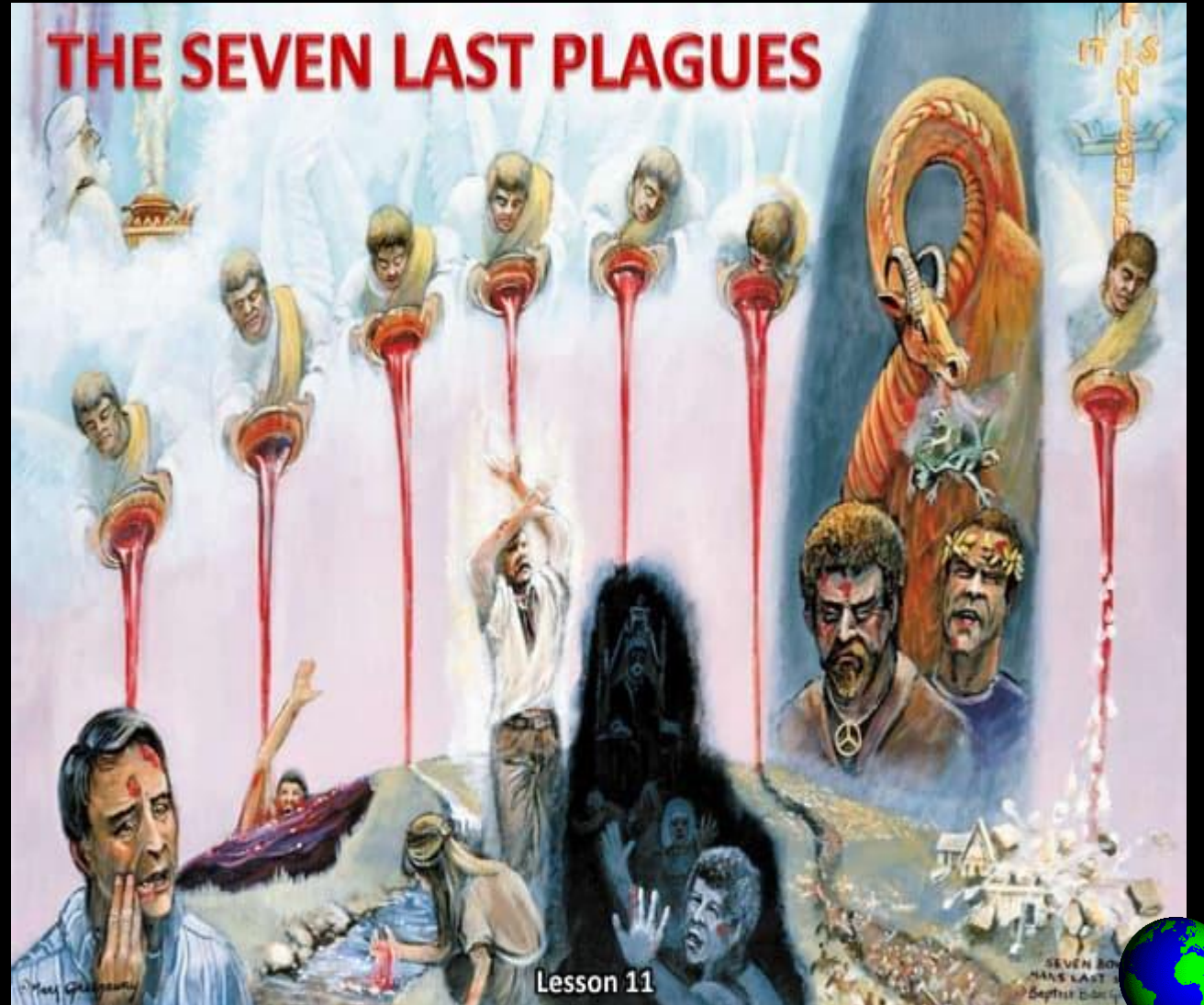
The Wicked During the Plagues

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. [Amos 8:11, 12.](#)

And as mercy's sweet voice died away, fear and horror seized the wicked. With terrible distinctness they heard the words, "Too late! too late!"

[Maranatha 271.1](#)

Christ [on the cross] felt much as sinners will feel when the vials of God's wrath shall be poured out upon them.



The Wicked During the Plagues (cont'd)

Black despair like the pall of death will gather about their guilty souls, and then they will realize to the fullest extent the sinfulness of sin. [Maranatha 271.2](#)

Those who had not prized God's Word were hurrying to and fro, wandering from sea to sea, and from the north to the east, to seek the Word of the Lord. Said the angel, "They shall not find it. There is a famine in the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but for hearing the words of the Lord. What would they not give for one word of approval from God! . . . [Maranatha 271.3](#)

Many of the wicked were greatly enraged as they suffered the effects of the plagues. It was a scene of fearful agony. Parents were bitterly reproaching their children, and children their parents, brothers their sisters, and sisters their brothers. . .



And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. Amos 8:12



The Wicked During the Plagues (cont'd)

The people turned upon their ministers with bitter hate and reproached them, saying, "You have not warned us. You told us that all the world was to be converted, and cried, Peace, peace, to quiet every fear that was aroused. You have not told us of this hour; and those who warned us of it you declared to be fanatics and evil men, who would ruin us." But I saw that the ministers did not escape the wrath of God. Their suffering was tenfold greater than that of their people. [Maranatha 271.4](#)

In the time when God's judgments are falling without mercy, oh, how enviable to the wicked will be the position of those who abide "in the secret place of the most High"-- the pavilion in which the Lord hides all who have loved Him and have obeyed His commandments! [Maranatha 271.5](#)



The Time of Jacob's Trouble

Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.
[Jeremiah 30:7](#).

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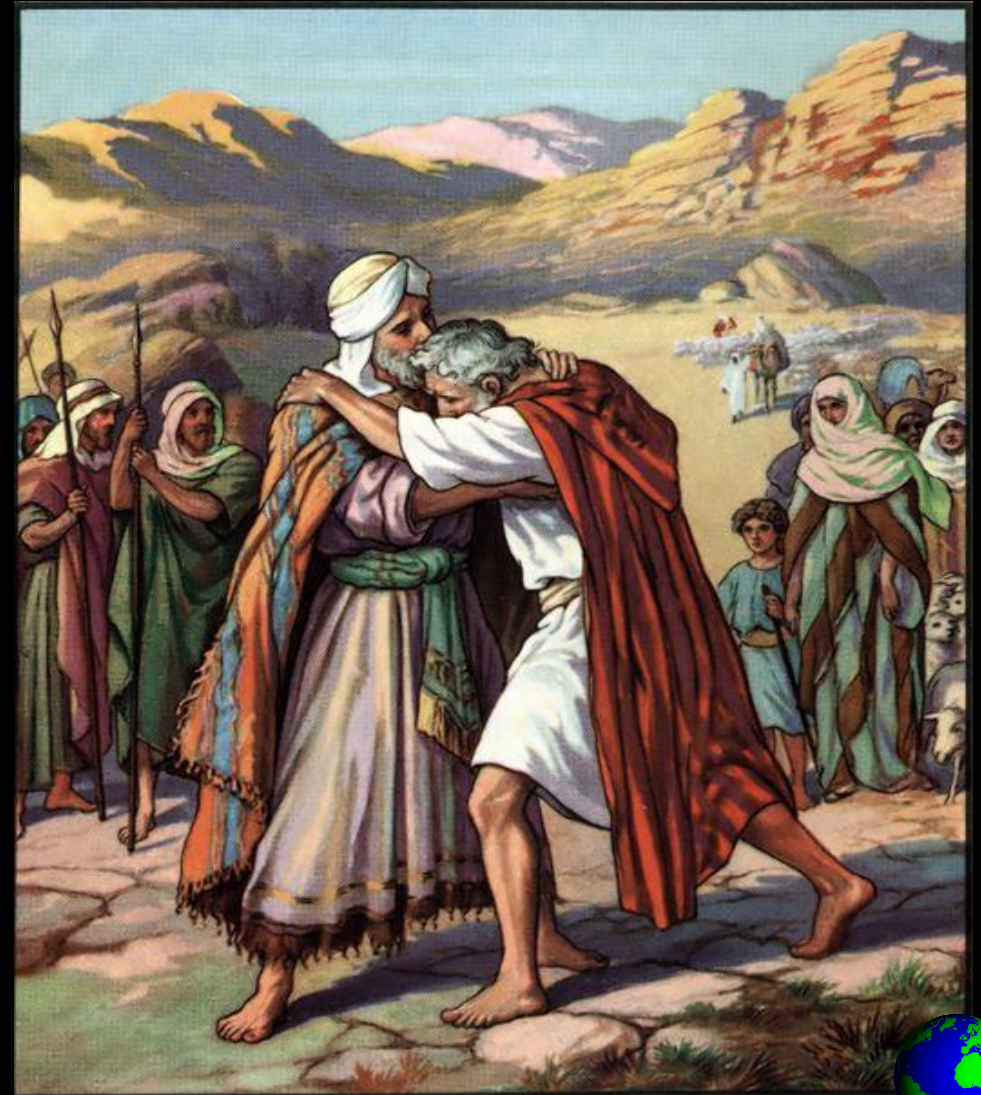


The Time of Jacob's Trouble (cont'd)

As Satan influenced Esau to march against Jacob, so he will stir up the wicked to destroy God's people in the time of trouble. And as he accused Jacob, he will urge his accusations against the people of God.

He numbers the world as his subjects; but the little company who keep the commandments of God are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete.

He sees that holy angels are guarding them, and he infers that their sins have been pardoned; but he does not know that their cases have been decided in the sanctuary above. He has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these before God in the most exaggerated light, representing this people to be just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favour of God. [Maranatha 272.2](#)



The Time of Jacob's Trouble (cont'd)

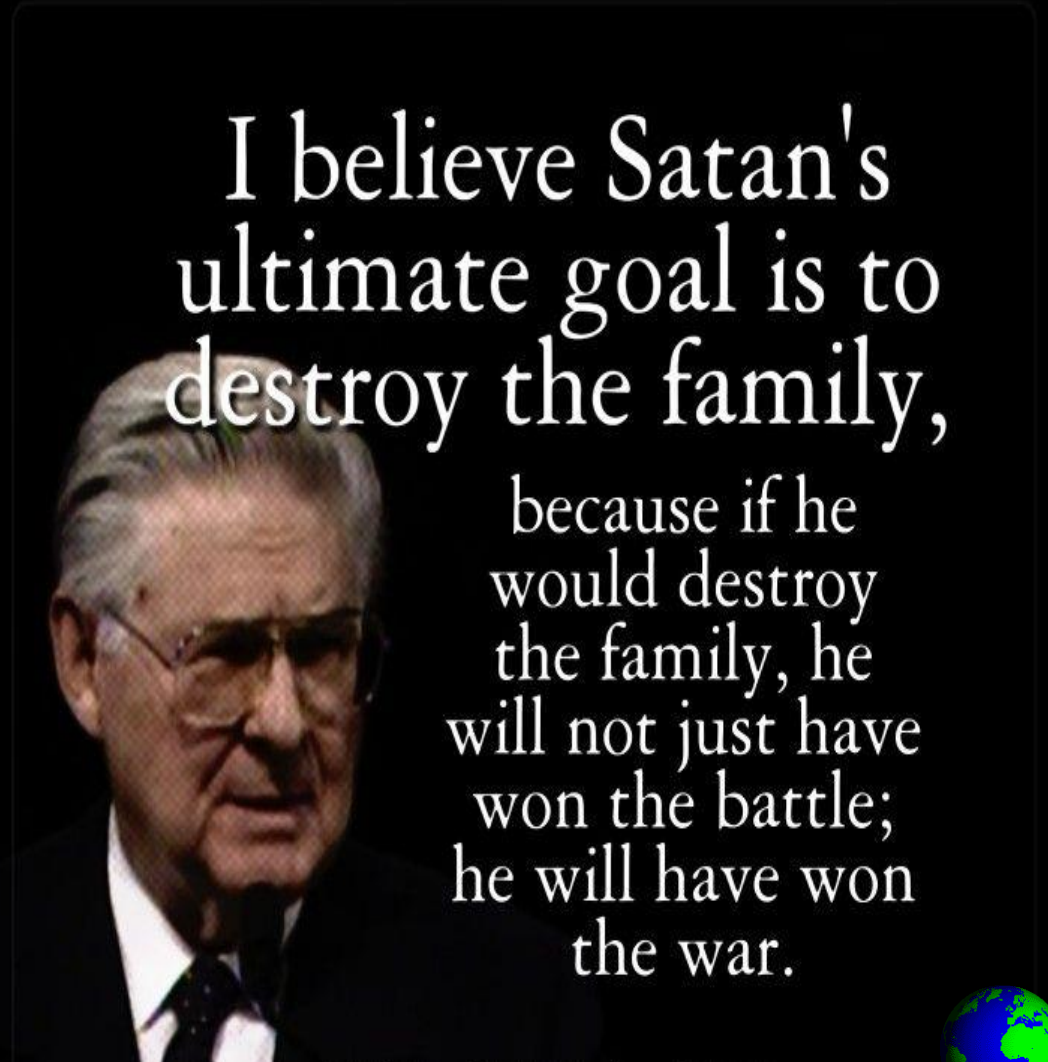
He declares that the Lord cannot in justice forgive their sins and yet destroy him and his angels. He claims them as his prey and demands that they be given into his hands to destroy. [Maranatha 272.2](#)

As Satan accuses the people of God on account of their sins, the Lord permits him to try them to the uttermost. Their confidence in God, their faith and firmness, will be severely tested. As they review the past, their hopes sink; for in their whole lives they can see little good.

They are fully conscious of their weakness and unworthiness. Satan endeavours to terrify them with the thought that their cases are hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. He hopes so to destroy their faith that they will yield to his temptations and turn from their allegiance to God. [Maranatha 272.3](#)

I believe Satan's
ultimate goal is to
destroy the family,

because if he
would destroy
the family, he
will not just have
won the battle;
he will have won
the war.



Why the Time of Trouble

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. [Psalms 46:1](#).

Though God's people will be surrounded by enemies who are bent upon their destruction, yet the anguish which they suffer is not a dread of persecution for the truth's sake; they fear that every sin has not been repented of, and that through some fault in themselves they will fail to realize the fulfilment of the Saviour's promise:

I "will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world." [Revelation 3:10](#).

If they could have the assurance of pardon they would not shrink from torture or death; but should they prove unworthy, and lose their lives because of their own defects of character, then God's holy name would be reproached.

[Maranatha 273.1](#)



Why the Time of Trouble (cont'd)

On every hand they hear the plottings of treason and see the active working of rebellion; and there is aroused within them an intense desire, an earnest yearning of soul, that this great apostasy may be terminated and the wickedness of the wicked may come to an end.

But while they plead with God to stay the work of rebellion, it is with a keen sense of self-reproach that they themselves have no more power to resist and urge back the mighty tide of evil. They feel that had they always employed all their ability in the service of Christ, going forward from strength to strength, Satan's forces would have less power to prevail against them. [Maranatha 273.2](#)

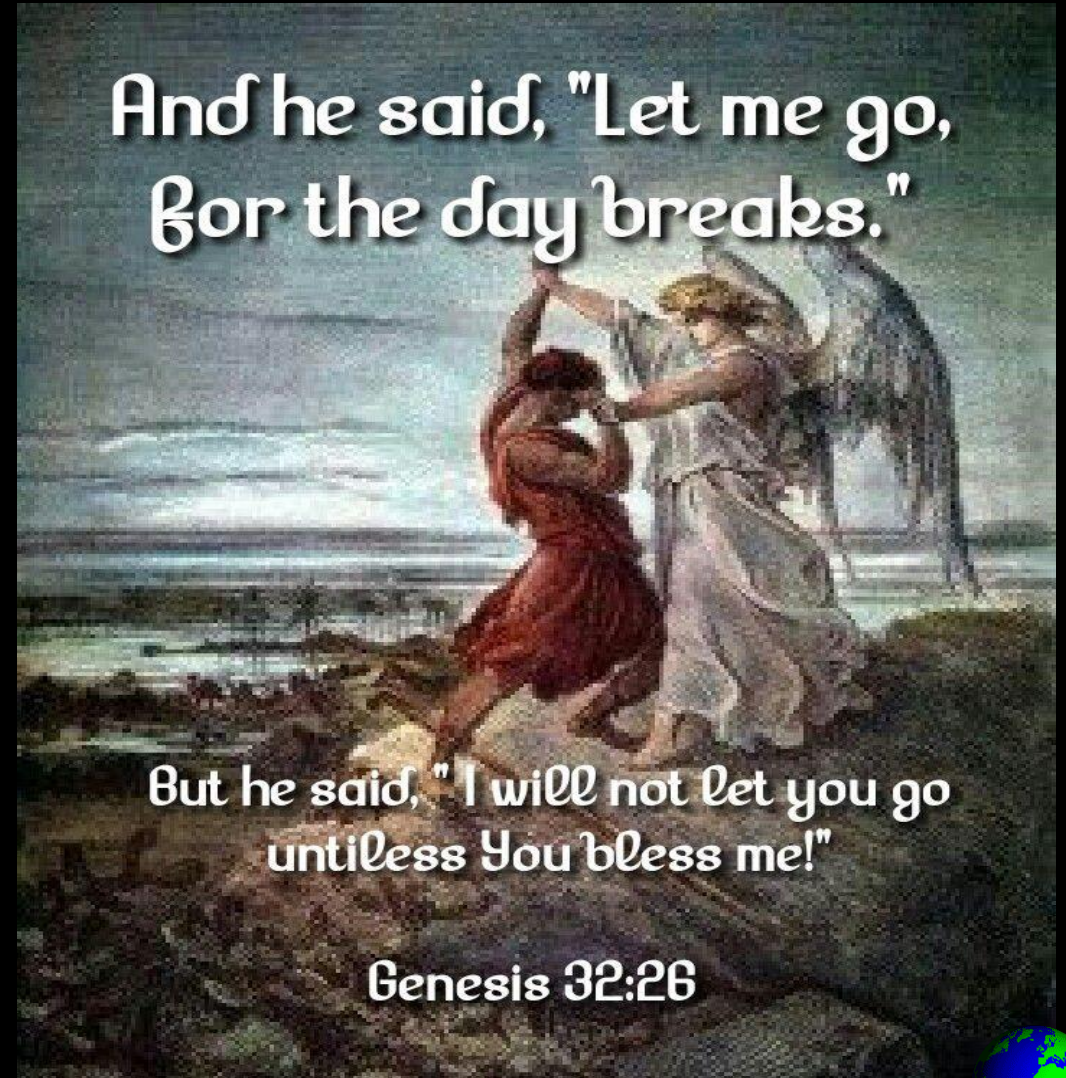


Why the Time of Trouble (*cont'd*)

They afflict their souls before God, pointing to their past repentance of their many sins, and pleading the Saviour's promise: "*Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.*" [Isaiah 27:5](#).

Their faith does not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. Though suffering the keenest anxiety, terror, and distress, they do not cease their intercessions. They lay hold of the strength of God as Jacob laid hold of the Angel; and the language of their souls is: "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." [Maranatha 273.3](#)

The time of trouble is the crucible that is to bring out Christlike characters. It is designed to lead the people of God to renounce Satan and his temptations. [Maranatha 273.4](#)



God's Eye is Upon His People

Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. [Luke 18:7, 8.](#)

In the time of trouble, if the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed; despair would cut off their faith, and they could not have confidence to plead with God for deliverance.

But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance. . . . [Maranatha 274.1](#)



God's Eye is Upon His People (cont'd)

Those professed Christians who come up to that last fearful conflict unprepared will, in their despair, confess their sins in words of burning anguish, while the wicked exult over their distress. . . . [Maranatha 274.2](#)

Jacob's history is also an assurance that God will not cast off those who have been deceived and tempted and betrayed into sin, but who have returned unto Him with true repentance. While Satan seeks to destroy this class, God will send His angels to comfort and protect them in the time of peril.

The assaults of Satan are fierce and determined, his delusions are terrible; but the Lord's eye is upon His people, and His ear listens to their cries. Their affliction is great, the flames of the furnace seem about to consume them; but the Refiner will bring them forth as gold tried in the fire. [Maranatha 274.3](#)



God's Eye is Upon His People (cont'd)

God's love for His children during the period of their severest trial is as strong and tender as in the days of their sunniest prosperity; but it is needful for them to be placed in the furnace of fire; their earthliness must be consumed, that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected. [Maranatha 274.3](#)

The season of distress and anguish before us will require a faith that can endure weariness, delay, and hunger--a faith that will not faint though severely tried. The period of probation is granted to all to prepare for that time. . . .

All who will lay hold of God's promises, as he [Jacob] did, and be as earnest and persevering as he was, will succeed as he succeeded. [Maranatha 274.4](#)



The Great Time of Trouble

In those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.
[Mark 13:19.](#)

The time of trouble such as never was, is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us.

The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. And now, while the precious Saviour is making an atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. God's providence is the school in which we are to learn the meekness and lowliness of Jesus. [Maranatha 275.1](#)

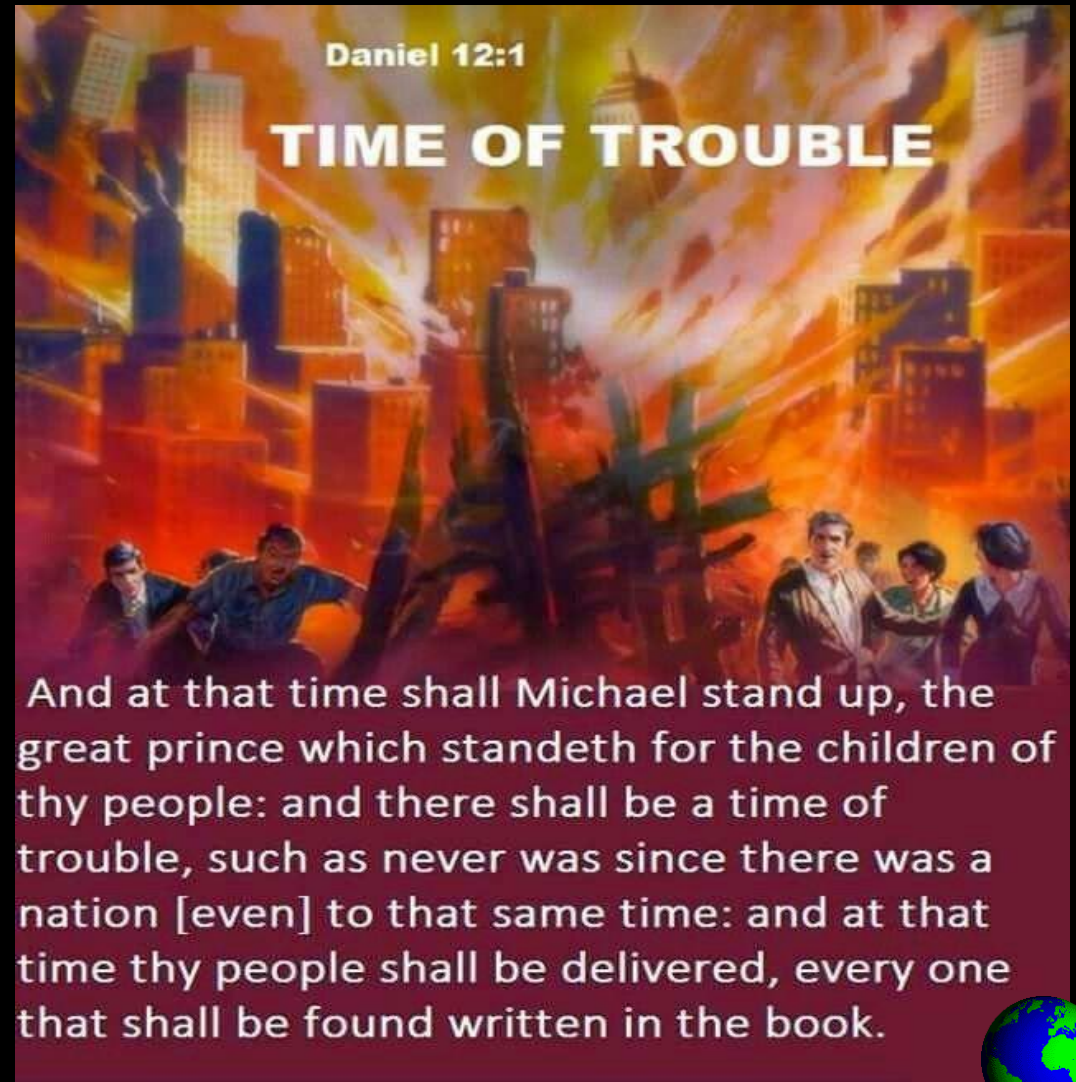


The Great Time of Trouble (cont'd)

The Lord is ever setting before us, not the way we would choose, which is easier and pleasanter to us, but the true aims of life. None can neglect or defer this work but at the most fearful peril to their souls. [Maranatha 275.1](#)

The apostle John in vision heard a loud voice in Heaven exclaiming, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Fearful are the scenes which call forth this exclamation from the heavenly voice. The wrath of Satan increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction reaches its culmination in the time of trouble. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. [Maranatha 275.2](#)



The Great Time of Trouble (cont'd)

The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation, and the Lord withdraws His protection, and leaves them to the mercy of the leader they have chosen. Satan will have power over those who have yielded themselves to his control, and he will plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble.

As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old. [Maranatha 275.2](#)

In the midst of the time of trouble--trouble such as has not been since there was a nation--His [God's] chosen ones will stand unmoved. Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints. [Maranatha 275.3](#)



The Crowning Act of Deception

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. [Revelation 3:10](#).

As the second appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ draws near, satanic agencies are moved from beneath. Satan will not only appear as a human being, but he will personate Jesus Christ; and the world who has rejected the truth will receive him as the Lord of lords and King of kings. [Maranatha 276.1](#)

The wrath of Satan increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction will reach its culmination in the time of trouble. . . . [Maranatha 276.2](#)



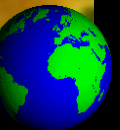
The Crowning Act of Deception (cont'd)

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come.

In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation.

[Revelation 1:13-15](#).

The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. [Maranatha 276.3](#)




The Crowning Act of Deception (cont'd)

His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed.

He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is "*the great power of God.*" [Acts. 8:10.](#) [Maranatha 276.3](#)

But the people of God will not be misled. The teachings of this false christ are not in accordance with the Scriptures. [Maranatha 276.4](#)



SUNDAY
The first day of the week.

SABBATH
The seventh-day of the week.

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"The Church is above the Bible; and this transference of Sabbath observance from Saturday to Sunday is proof positive of that fact."
Catholic Record
London Ontario, September 1, 1923


"It is always somewhat laughable, to see the Protestant churches, in pulpit and legislation, demand the observance of Sunday, of which there is nothing in their Bible."
Peter R. Kraemer
Catholic Church Extension Magazine, USA (1975)

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

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:

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."
(Exodus 20:8-11)

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."
(Matthew 6:24)



No Martyrs After Probation Closes

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. [Psalms 91:15](#).

The people of God will not be free from suffering; but while persecuted and distressed, while they endure privation and suffer for want of food they will not be left to perish. . . . [Maranatha 277.1](#)

Yet to human sight it will appear that the people of God must soon seal their testimony with their blood as did the martyrs before them. They themselves begin to fear that the Lord has left them to fall by the hand of their enemies. It is a time of fearful agony. Day and night they cry unto God for deliverance. . . . [Maranatha 277.2](#)

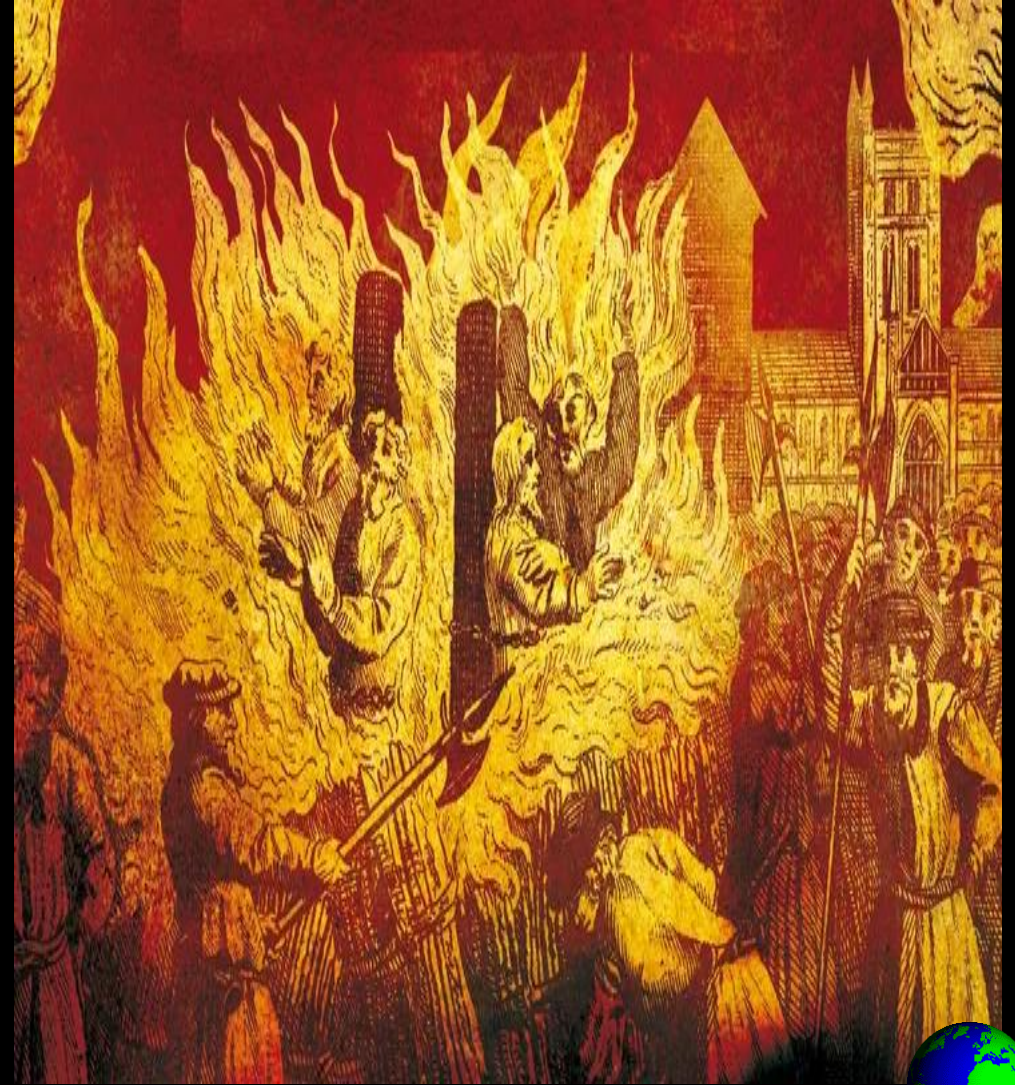


No Martyrs After Probation Closes (*cont'd*)

The eye of God, looking down the ages, was fixed upon the crisis which His people are to meet, when earthly powers shall be arrayed against them. Like the captive exile, they will be in fear of death by starvation or by violence.

But the Holy One who divided the Red Sea before Israel, will manifest His mighty power and turn their captivity. *"They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."* [Malachi 3:17](#).

If the blood of Christ's faithful witnesses were shed at this time, it would not, like the blood of the martyrs, be as seed sown to yield a harvest for God. Their fidelity would not be a testimony to convince others of the truth; for the obdurate heart has beaten back the waves of mercy until they return no more. [Maranatha 277.3](#)

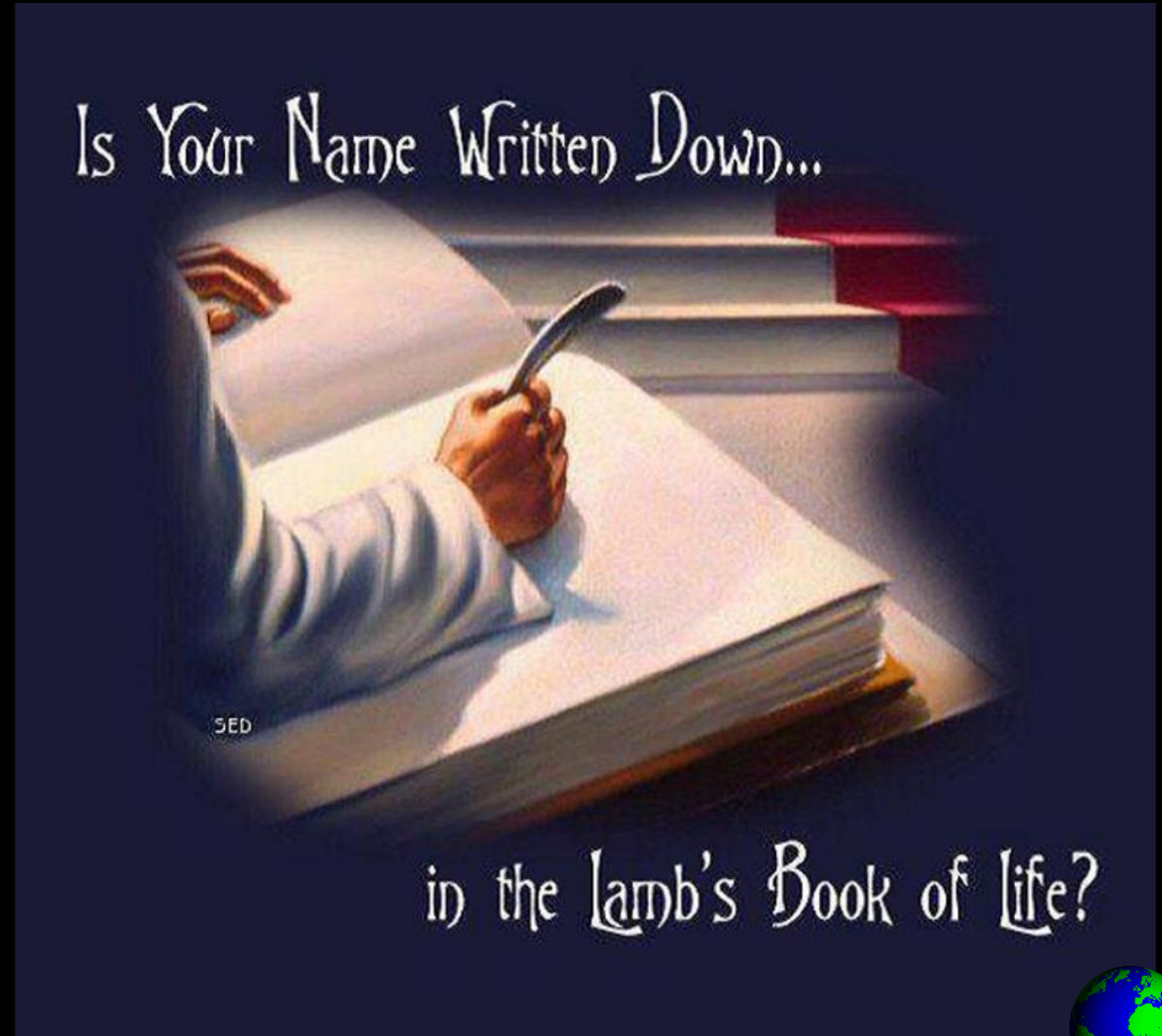


No Martyrs After Probation Closes (cont'd)

If the righteous were now left to fall a prey to their enemies, it would be a triumph for the prince of darkness. Says the psalmist: *"In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me."* [Psalm 27:5](#).

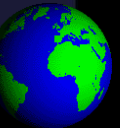
Christ has spoken: *"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity."* [Isaiah 26:20, 21](#).

Glorious will be the deliverance of those who have patiently waited for His coming and whose names are written in the book of life. [Maranatha 277.3](#)



Is Your Name Written Down...

in the Lamb's Book of Life?



God's People Delivered

Thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. [Isaiah 49:25](#).

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honour the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction.

As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof. [Maranatha 278.1](#)



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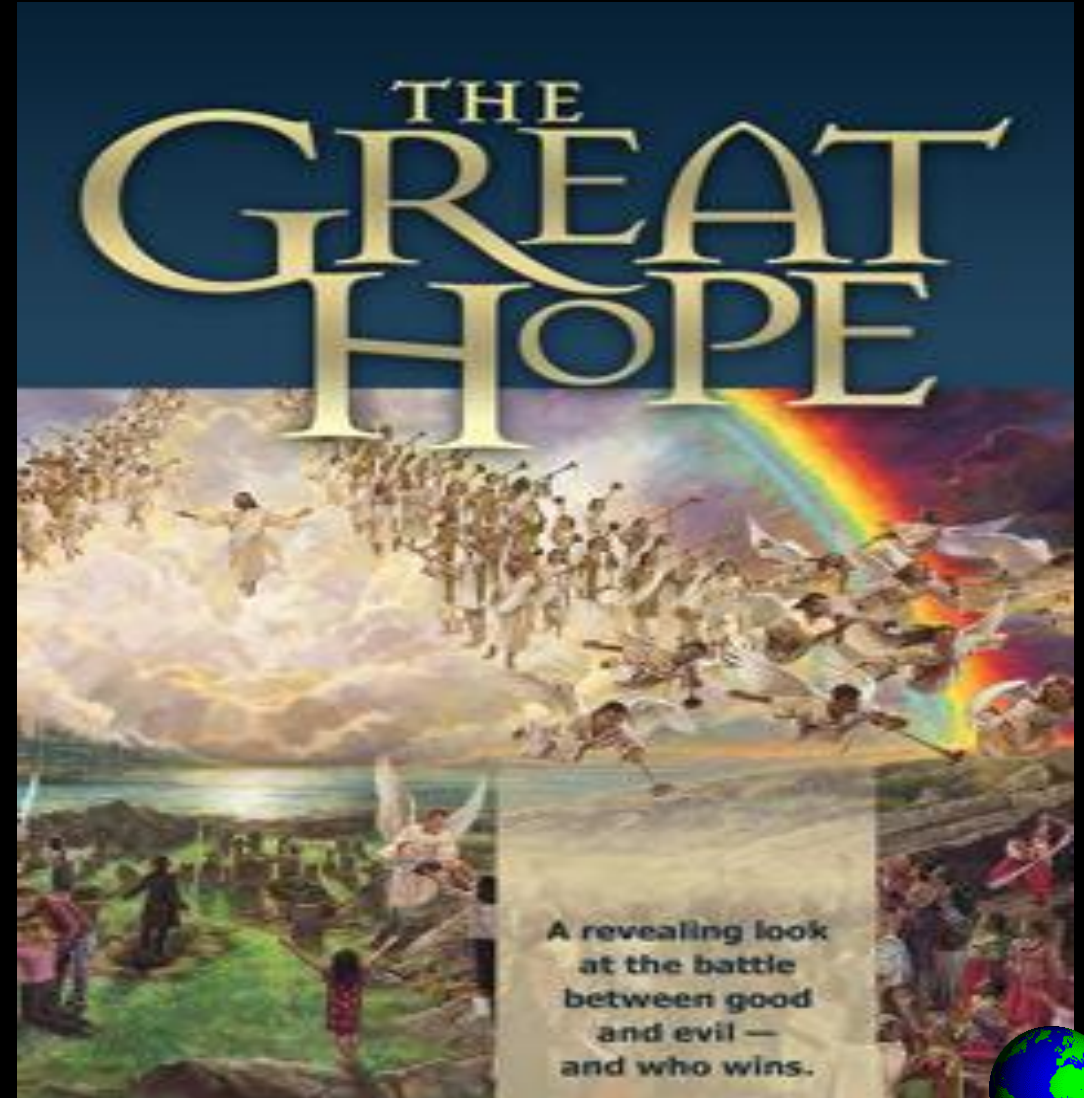


God's People Delivered (cont'd)

The people of God--some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains--still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. . . . [Maranatha 278.2](#)

With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth.

Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. [Maranatha 278.3](#)



A revealing look
at the battle
between good
and evil —
and who wins.



God's People Delivered (cont'd)

The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness. [Maranatha 278.3](#)

By the people of God a voice, clear and melodious, is heard saying, "Look up," and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven and see the glory of God and the Son of man seated upon His throne. [Maranatha 278.4](#)

While all the world is plunged in darkness, there will be light in every dwelling of the saints. They will catch the first light of His second appearing. [Maranatha 278.5](#)



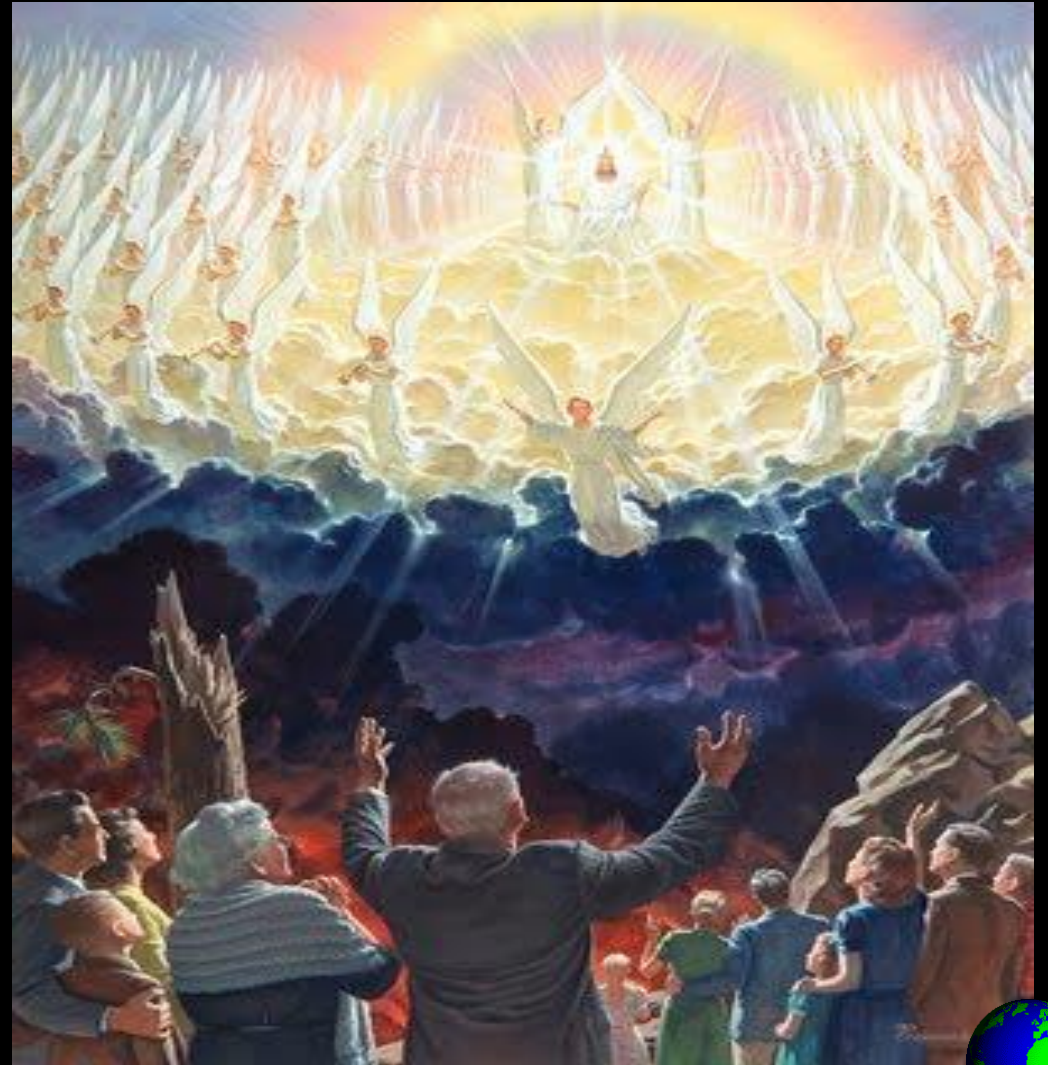
Midnight Deliverance

In a moment shall they [the wicked] die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand. [Job 34:20](#).

He [God] has always chosen extremities, when there seemed no possible chance for deliverance from Satan's workings, for the manifestation of His power. [Maranatha 279.1](#)

It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance.

Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other.



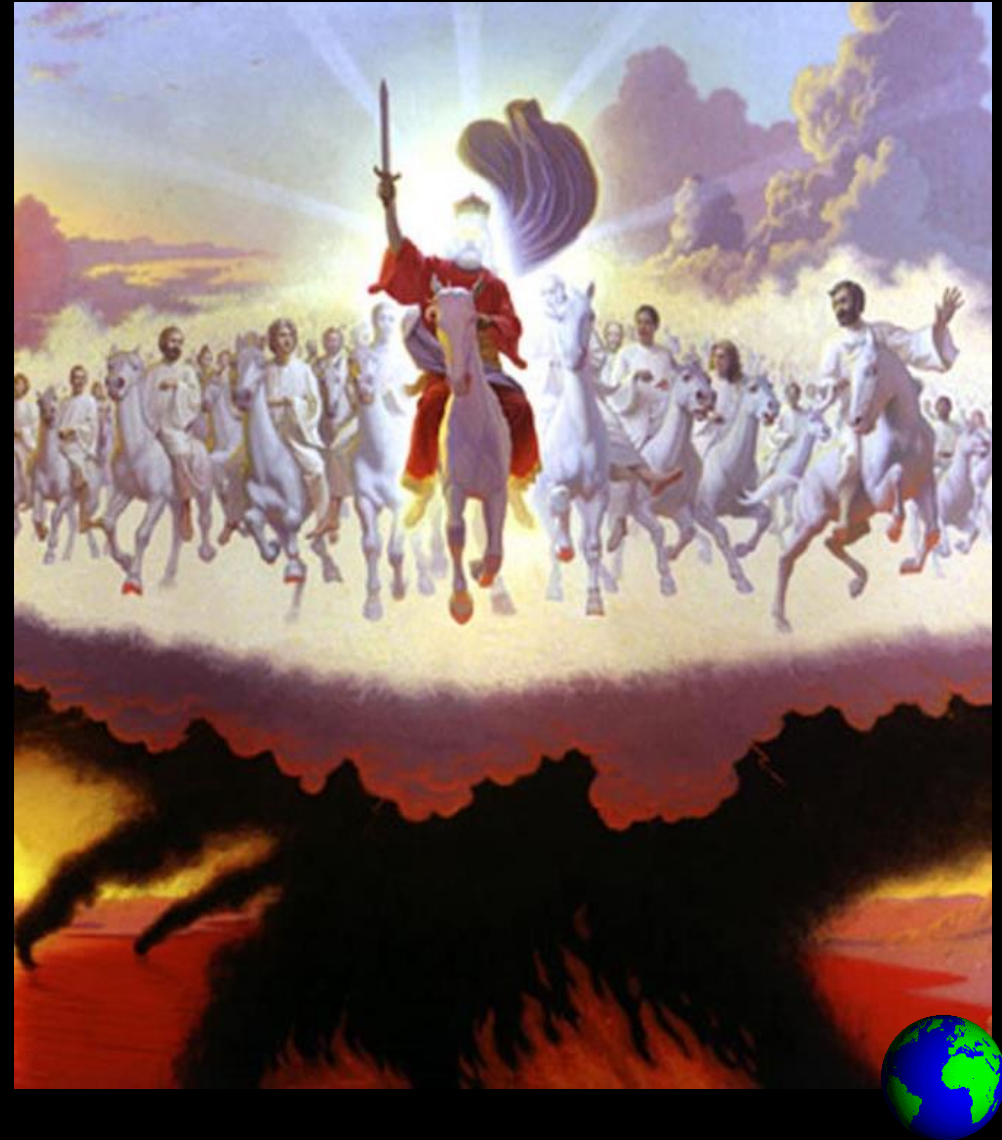
Midnight Deliverance (cont'd)

In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: "*It is done.*" [Revelation 16:17](#). [Maranatha 279.2](#)

The powers of heaven will be shaken at the voice of God. Then the sun, moon, and stars will be moved out of their places. They will not pass away, but be shaken by the voice of God. [Maranatha 279.3](#)

Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. [Maranatha 279.4](#)

Now in regard to the coming of the Son of man, this will not take place until after the mighty earthquake shakes the earth after the people have heard the voice of God.



Midnight Deliverance (cont'd)

They are in despair and trouble such as never was since there was a nation, and in this the people of God will suffer affliction. The clouds of heaven will clash and there will be darkness.

Then that voice comes from heaven and the clouds begin to roll back like a scroll, and there is the bright, clear sign of the Son of man. The children of God know what that cloud means.

[Maranatha 279.5](#)

The 144,000 triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. [Maranatha 279.6](#)

When the voice of God turns the captivity of His people, there is a terrible awakening of those who have lost all in the great conflict of life.

[Maranatha 279.7](#)

The day of wrath to the enemies of God is the day of final deliverance to His church.

[Maranatha 279.8](#)



God Overturns Nature

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.
[Revelation 16:17, 18.](#)

We need to study the pouring out of the seventh vial. The powers of evil will not yield up the conflict without a struggle.
[Maranatha 280.1](#)

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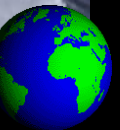


God Overturns Nature (cont'd)

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, "*such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*" [Verses 17, 18.](#)

The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest.

The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of a hurricane like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving away. [Maranatha 280.3](#)



God Overturns Nature (cont'd)

Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness are swallowed up by the angry waters.

Babylon the great has come in remembrance before God, "to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath." Great hailstones, every one "about the weight of a talent," are doing their work of destruction. [Verses 19, 21.](#)

The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free. [Maranatha 280.3](#)

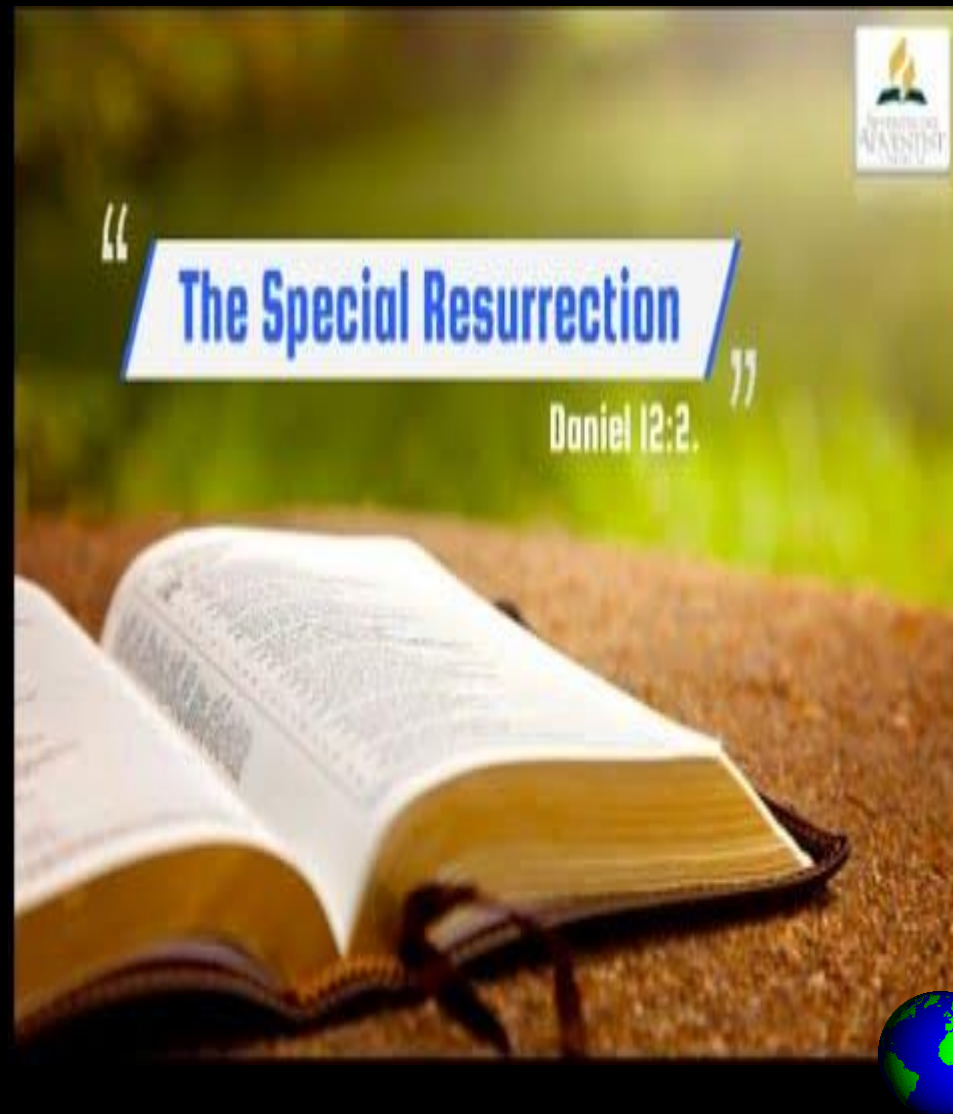


Conclusion: The Special Resurrection

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2.

It was at midnight that God chose to deliver His people. As the wicked were mocking around them, suddenly the sun appeared, shining in his strength, and the moon stood still. . . . Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. But there was one clear place of settled glory, whence came the voice of God like many waters, shaking the heavens and the earth.

There was a mighty earthquake. The graves were opened, and those who had died in faith under the third angel's message, keeping the Sabbath, came forth from their dusty beds, glorified, to hear the covenant of peace that God was to make with those who had kept His law. [Maranatha 281.1](#)



Conclusion: The Special Resurrection (cont'd)

Those who sleep in Jesus will be called from their prison house . . . to a glorious immortality. . . . He has risen, dear friends, and in your despondency you may know . . . that Jesus is by your side to give you peace. [Maranatha 281.2](#)

I know what I am talking about. I have seen the time when I thought the waves were going over my head; in that time I felt my Saviour precious to me. When my eldest son was taken from me I felt my grief was very great, but Jesus came to my side and I felt His peace in my soul. The cup of consolation was placed to my lips. [Maranatha 281.3](#)



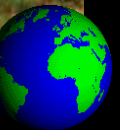
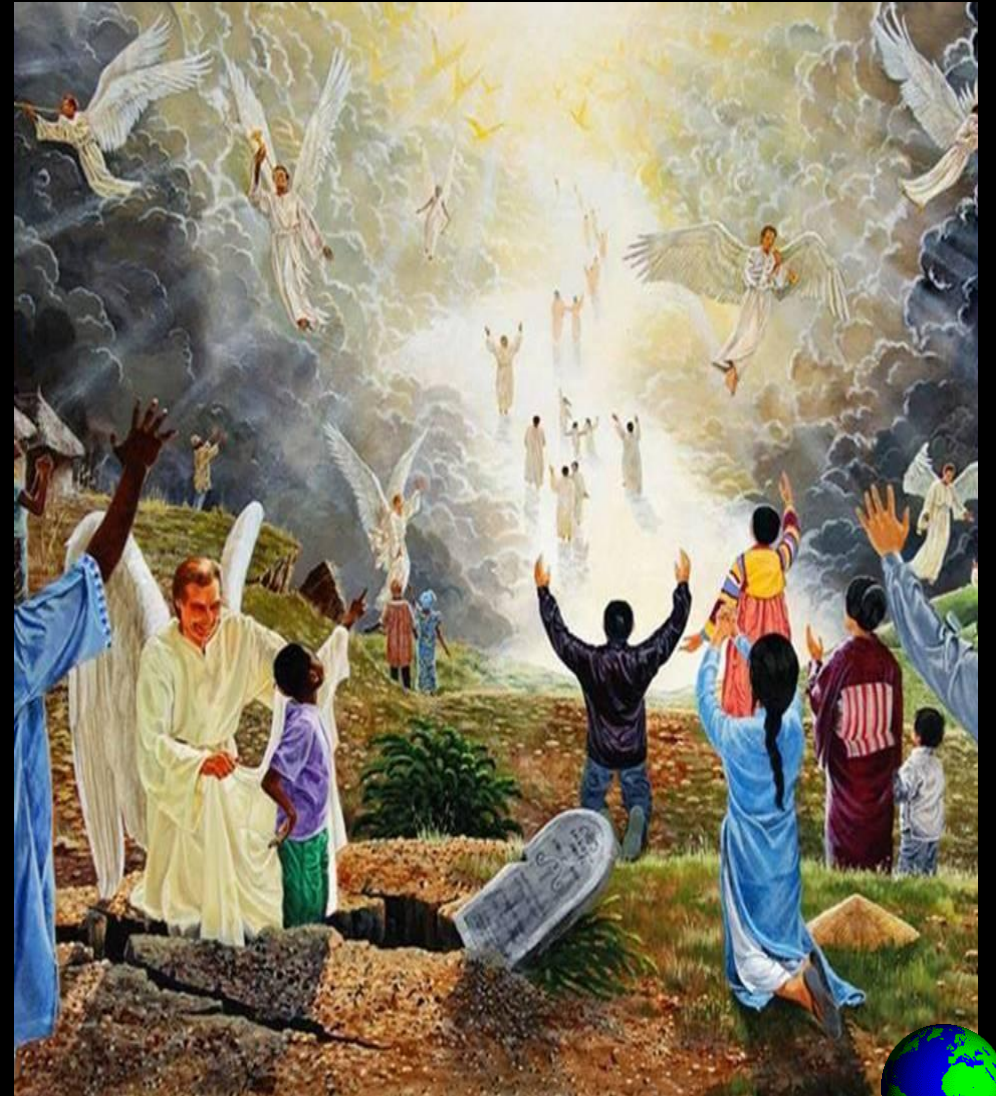
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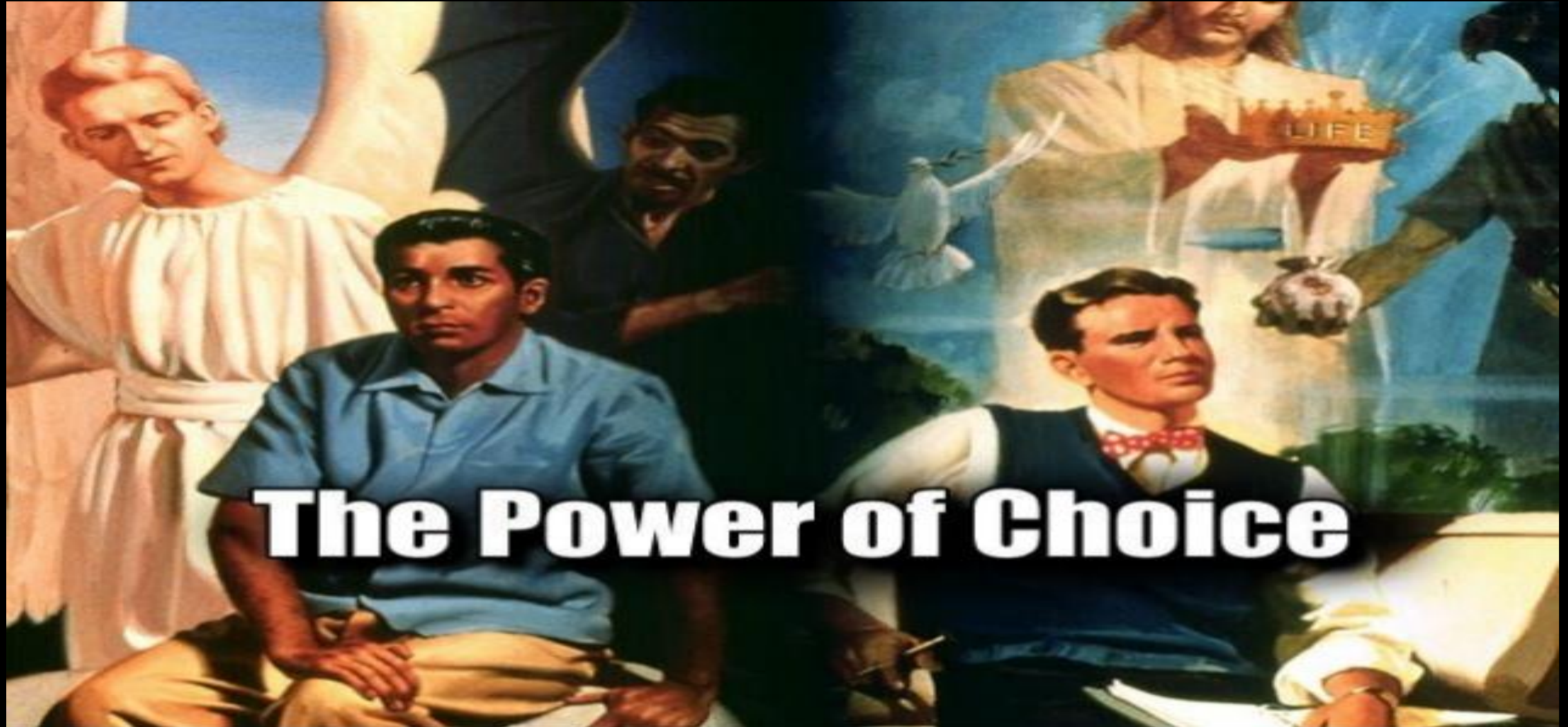
And then he who had stood by my side for thirty-six years . . . was taken. We had laboured together side by side in the ministry, but we had to fold the hands of the warrior and lay him down to rest in the silent grave. Again my grief seemed very great, but after all came the cup of consolation.

Jesus is precious to me. He walked by my side . . . and He will walk by your side. When our friends go into the grave they are beautiful to us. It may be our father or mother that we lay away: when they come forth those wrinkles are all gone but the figure is there, and we know them. . . . [Maranatha 281.4](#)

We want to be prepared to meet these dear friends as they come forth in the resurrection morning. . . . Shall we lay hold upon the hope set before us in the gospel that we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is? [Maranatha 281.5](#)



God has given all:



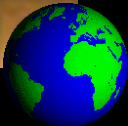
The Power of Choice



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

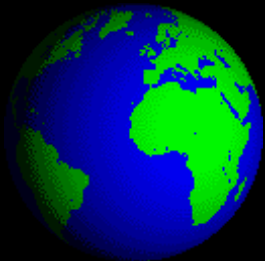
“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



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?