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REVELATION

BOOK 2

Revelation

chapters 14-22

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This book is dedicated to the missionaries who are out there in the fields “already white unto harvest”, who daily give their lives and time to fulfill our Lord’s command to “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Jesus said to Peter and to all of us: “Do you love Me? Then, feed My sheep!” May this book be a blessing and make it easier for you to share the Word.

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Revelation chapter 1 verse 3.

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Acknowledgments and Prologue:

Most people and even many Christians know very little about the book of Revelation: they either feel it is too hard to understand or that it will make them fearful of the future. But that is not what the Bible says; on the contrary it says: ***“Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”*** (Rev.1:3) We are then blessed, not frightened, when we read and study the book of Revelation! With the world being in such a mess with so many international problems, wars, terrorism, violence, weird viruses, climate changes, financial crises etc., many sense that a storm is brewing and they are more than ever looking for answers. ***“...and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth...”*** (Lk.21:26)

I started this project almost two decades ago and first used this series of classes with my own teenagers and then eventually translated them into Spanish for our weekly Bible classes in Mexico. My goal was to shed more light into this remarkable book of Revelation and the idea from the beginning was to go through the whole book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, and search, find and choose Bible cross references, fitting commentaries, pictures and charts that would catch the imagination of the reader, keep his interest as well as make it easier to grasp and visualize God’s mysterious revelations.

Although some of the comments are mine as well as the creation of some of the timeline charts, I also used a number of resources which are listed at the end of this book. Each verse or group of verses is either introduced or followed by commentaries from excerpts of these authors and books. The quotations were sometimes copied word for word but most often, they were rephrased and edited to fit each verse, as well as to keep the classes compacted. I have kept on updating and adding new clarifications every so often.

To Bible Teachers:

I like to call these classes, “*Ready-made and Ready-to-go*”, meaning you can use them and give them right away--the work is already done for you. They do not cover every detail, as a whole book could be written for each chapter, but you could use them as a good base to start with. Depending of the need of your students and, as you are reading with them and giving the classes, you can add your own comments as the Lord leads. Although most classes are made so it could be given in one meeting, it’s important to remember that most people have never studied End Time Bible prophecies and it is often a lot to absorb and digest in one sitting alone; so the classes will often need to be given through more than one session.



Many parts of End Time prophecies are pretty clear and easy to understand, while some are not. These classes were compiled in order to give people a general idea of the End Time...plus a bit more. Of course, depending on your situation, it will be up to you to decide how deeply you will go in your studies with those you teach. Something else to keep in mind is that it is always wise to avoid coming across too dogmatically or seeing everything as either “***black or white***”, and to instead stick with the plainest and simplest understanding of the text as possible. For some of John’s descriptions are to be taken literally and other descriptions are meant to be taken symbolically, and so I have tried to show the difference in these classes. Nevertheless, there are still many things in the book of Revelation that will continue to be mysterious and topics of speculation. But we can be sure that as future events develop, Jesus will help us to understand more. We have been given so much about this subject and since the times are so turbulent and the world is changing so fast, we have the responsibility to share the knowledge of these prophecies with others now! Now is the time! May God bless you as you shared His Word.

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INTRODUCTION:

At first reading, the book of Revelation is not only mysterious but it also appears to be confusing. But understanding how the book is structured helps it to become clearer. We will fly through the Book of Revelation rapidly and show you how simple it can be, how well laid-out it is and how it is possible to understand large portions of it! Of course, not everything is easy to comprehend, there are still some mysteries in there that God has hidden from us, and He deliberately did so. But again, He made most of it fairly easy to understand, believe it or not. We can look at the book of Revelation as being divided into three divisions of exactly seven chapters each—plus one extra, the 22nd chapter, a glorious and beautiful chapter about Heaven that is in a class all by itself! Each group of chapters, each set of seven chapters, has to do with a different focus of the End.

The first set of seven chapters is in itself a sort of review, a synopsis of the history of man from the Apostle John's Day right to the End, a general introduction to the End time. There are the famous letters to the seven churches in Asia and we also have what are known as the seven seals. The Lord Himself, the Lamb, receives this book of seven seals, a scroll actually, with seven seals. He breaks open each seal and as He does, a different period of history happens, a different event in history after which the End occurs, and we'll study that in detail later.

In the second set of seven chapters, instead of just flying across the whole history of man for the past 2000 years, which John was predicting in the first seven chapters—some of which has been fulfilled or is being fulfilled—we circle around and fly a little bit closer to the End time, the very End of these 2000 years of history which he is predicting by the Spirit of Christ. We find that the second seven of chapters, from the 8th through the 14th, have to do with a famous, very great and important final period of man's history known as the reign of the Antichrist



and the Great Tribulation period. It ends with the marvelous coming of Christ and the Rapture of His saints in the 14th Chapter! We have a stunning picture of the End in that set of seven chapters with the seven great Trumpets of Tribulation and all the terrible things that will happen during the Great Tribulation period.



Finally, the third set of seven chapters, chapter 15 through 21 and 22, is both a terrible, awful picture, as well as a beautiful, gorgeous picture of the End Time. First comes the bad news, but then followed by the good news! And the sooner it gets worse, the sooner it is going to get better. In those last seven chapters, plus one, we find a detailed description of this very End period, including details about the Wrath of God, the great destruction of Babylon, the World System, and the final great Battle of Armageddon in which the forces of God fight against the forces of Satan. The forces of God defeat Satan at this Battle along with his Antichrist Devil-man, his False Prophet, and his whole kingdom. They gain a glorious victory as Jesus comes back again to set up His Kingdom here on Earth, a time that is called the Millennium because it lasts a thousand years! Then at the end of the Millennium comes the final war of all, the Battle of Gog and Magog followed by the great White Throne Judgement of the unsaved. Then God creates a New Heaven and a New Earth and the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem, finally comes down from God to be on Earth. A lot happens in that last set of seven chapters! So that's how this amazing book goes!

I believe that the book of Revelation is not a book written in exact chronological order. I don't believe it is possible to fully understand Revelation if it is read with the approach that everything within this book happens in a perfect sequential order from the beginning to the end. The book of Revelation is steadily progressing in greater detail all the time, but there are constant flashbacks and some flash-forwards. Like in a movie, they sometimes have several flashbacks to some past events that provide important details, clarifications to help us better understand the story. Or occasionally at the very beginning of a movie, we are shown a partial scene of some future happenings and then it

returns to the beginning. In the same way, the Lord keeps going back and forth like that and a little further ahead each time.

This is how it is possible, for example, to read about multiple accounts of the Rapture or the Battle of Armageddon or other events taking place within the pages of Revelation - and still understand that there will only be one Rapture, one Armageddon. We are simply reading about these happenings from different angles and vantage points, thus gaining a greater understanding all the time. I believe it is the only way Revelation can make any sense, and this way it does. Otherwise, it's really a scrabble.

Some have said, *"Oh, Revelation is just a jibber-jabber, it doesn't seem to mean anything! It's just a bunch of wild tales of dragons and monsters and all kinds of crazy things, nobody can understand it!"* Some theologians even say, *"It's just sort of allegorical, it's a mystery, we don't understand it."* About the best they can say about it is, *"It's just something put in there to kind of show you the final victory of good over evil, but you're not supposed to understand the details."* We have to wonder then what they think God put it there for and why He gave us all these infinite and intricate details from the very beginning to the very End. Don't tell us God threw in all those intricate details just for the purpose of mystifying and confusing us! The book of Revelation has a beautiful order, deep meaning, and a detailed prediction of specific events exactly the way they are going to happen. So you can count on it. If all the rest of the Bible has happened and hundreds of prophecies have already been fulfilled exactly the way they were predicted, then certainly we can trust this last book of Revelation to mean what it says!

We hope you will enjoy the classes and will understand them. As time marches on and we enter these various periods and events, we will understand them even more clearly and know even more surely which Scriptures actually do apply





to the particular time we are undergoing or the event we are participating in. God does not always reveal every detail in advance, but often gives you a general description--or even sometimes a specific description--which you will not completely understand or recognize until you actually see it beginning to happen. This will be your cue to know where you are at on God's timetable and on His schedule. You will be assured and reassured that you know exactly what is happening, what to expect next and how to be prepared.

This of course is the purpose of the Bible's prophecies, to prepare you for the future, so that you will not be in ignorance or found in darkness, as the Apostle Paul said. But rather you are the children of light and these things will not come upon you as a thief in the night, unexpected or by surprise. (1Th.5:4, 5) You will have no mighty widening of the eyes, as those who are not aware of the signs of the times, but you will see them in advance, you will recognize these events because you have prepared for it in your heart for years with your study and knowledge of His Word. This is what Bible Prophecy is all about, what the book of Revelation is for, that God in His mercy is telling you in advance what is going to happen so you will not be in fearfulness of the unknown.

"See, I (Jesus) have told you ahead of time." (Mt. 24:25)

"...But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many...and he said, go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." (Dan. 11:32-33; 12:9-10)

A brief run-down of the contents of each Chapter:

Chapter 1--The introduction to things which must shortly come to pass.

Chapter 2 and 3--Letters to seven Churches that existed in that day in Asia, as well as types of churches to come.

Chapter 4 and 5--Heavenly Throne Scene with the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who opens the 7-sealed Book of the Future! There are some things in these two chapters where we get some of our ideas about Heaven that aren't mentioned in the last two Chapters 21 and 22.

Chapter 6--The opening of the six seals of world history! By the way, this goes right up to the very End of the Wrath of God. We have the great earthquake and all that cosmic stuff happening there that even happens after the Battle of Armageddon. So the 6th Chapter goes from the time of Jesus right to the End!

Chapter 7--The sealing of the saints before the Great Tribulation! The major emphasis here, of course, was put on the 12 Tribes of Israel, but that doesn't mean they were the only saints. That's obvious as he had already seen a number of saints that no man could number. So the first seven chapters are very nicely nearly all introductory, and include a review of history.

Chapter 8 and 9--The seven great trumpets of the Tribulation. The angels are warned to hurt only those who do not have the seal of God in their foreheads but have taken the seal of the Antichrist instead, the Mark of the Beast!

Chapter 10--Then, like in almost every sermon, sooner or later the preacher has to stop to make announcements and several big statements are made now by the angel! Mostly he is announcing the End of all these things.

Chapter 11--In chronological sequential order within the chapter, it goes right up to the End. Just like that 6th Chapter back there goes right up to the very End with the Wrath of God and the great earthquake, so does the 11th chapter. There are the Two Witnesses and their Rapture, more details of the end of the Tribulation and also a summary again of the Wrath of God.

The book of Revelation reaches the End several times, so don't get confused! It's not all in exact chronological order. It's in a very nice order, but just like you've seen in many movies, He gives a general overall view, then He comes in closer for a closer look at this

and that period and keeps giving flashbacks. It's a very common literary and movie method of telling a story, to give you the whole story in a nutshell in a way, or a preview of it, and then to go back over the details, and that's exactly what Revelation does.

Chapter 12--We have the battle between the Great Red Dragon, Satan, and the Church in the Tribulation period.

Chapter 13--It gives great details for the first time in this book of Revelation, about the Beast. But is this Beast the same as the Red Dragon? They have a Red Dragon in this story and a Red Beast, both of them have seven heads and ten crowns, oddly enough. But the Great Red Dragon in the 12th Chapter is the Devil, Satan. And the Red Beast in the 13th Chapter is the Antichrist. --Showing they're very similar and in a sense, one and the same, because the Antichrist is eventually possessed by the Red Dragon.

Chapter 14--We again have the End. We have the fall of Babylon, we have the Rapture and we have the Wrath of God, all those major events in the 14th Chapter, the Gospel preached to all the World as well. See, the Lord keeps going over it and over it, review, review, and review, to try to remind us and to get these things straight in our minds!

Within the chapters you will find that the order of events is very clear and they are chronological and they are sequential, but then He'll go back in another chapter and vision and go over it again in some other way or from some other angle, stressing or emphasizing some other phase or some other point or some other personality. But it's very important that you understand, that just like those movies with flashbacks, Revelation is constructed in the same way, usually going each time into greater detail about an event which has already been described or mentioned briefly.

Chapter 15 and 16--Now we are getting the Wrath of God in detail. Six Vials of Wrath are poured out here, also the 7th Vial in the 16th Chapter. We've got Armageddon mentioned and the fall of the cities including Babylon. You'll notice how you come down to the End again in the Wrath of God, all the same description of the events. Time and again it speaks of the End as being a very great earthquake, great hail from Heaven, a great shaking of the Earth etc., men howling, crying for fear, running for the caves of the Earth and crying to the rocks and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of the Lamb and the Wrath of God etc. Every time, it all ends the same way, so it's very consistent.

It is worth noting that we're still inclined to get those two periods of the Tribulation and Wrath confused. They are very similar, but distinct events. They both have a lot of wrath, curses, a lot of horrors and woes, but the Wrath is even worse than the Tribulation because it's strictly on these people who are left behind, the unsaved. The saved have already been raptured by that time.

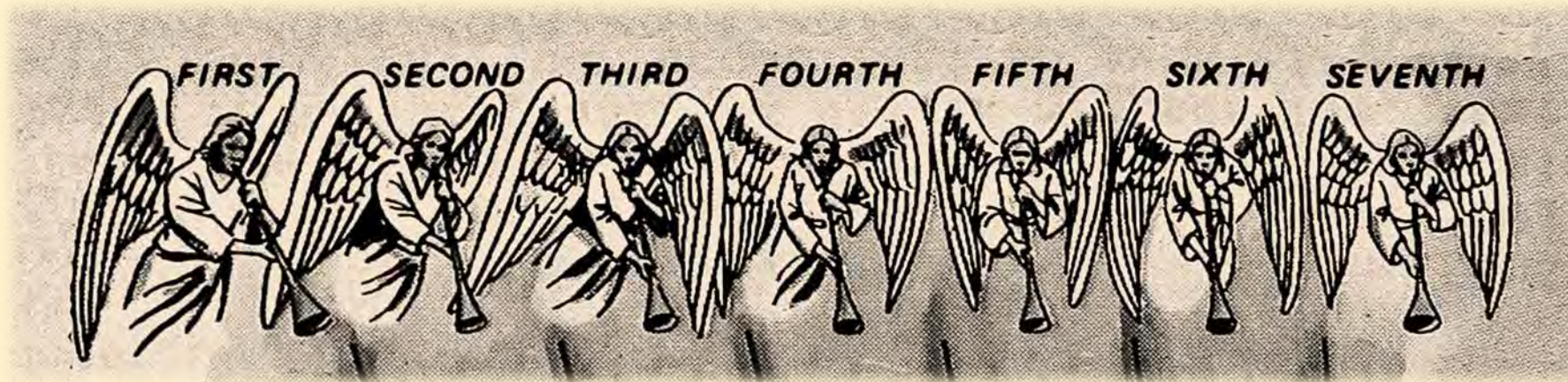
Chapter 17--John or the angel describes Babylon and as good as tells us who she is. Modern Babylon today is a type of Ancient Babylon and it is pictured here as a great whore, very rich, promoted by the Beast. She's always been promoted by the Devil. In all of his empires, in all of his kingdoms all through history, he has promoted Babylon. And in the broadest sense of the term we have said Babylon really represents the materialism of the World, the worship of Mammon, the worship of things, money.

Chapter 18--We have another flashback and we are given exactly how Babylon is destroyed, in one hour of one day! What does that sound like? It would just about have to be an atomic war!

Chapter 19--The Marriage Supper of the Lamb; Armageddon, that final great battle of this time period of earth and the marvelous victory of Jesus Christ over Satan, his Devil-man and his False Prophet! --Party Upstairs, Hell Downstairs!

Chapter 20--We have three major events: the Millennium and the Battle of Gog and Magog following it, in which Satan and all of his hosts and the wicked are completely wiped out forever! Then comes the Great White Throne Final Judgement of the unsaved.

Chapters 21 and 22--This is really the only detailed specific description in the whole Bible of what Heaven is like, and to our surprise we find out that Heaven is on Earth! The Heavenly City is coming down to a New Earth! A New Earth, even more beautiful than the first one! There will be no more curse, nothing deadly, nothing harmful, everything beautiful! Most people think that Heaven is going to be somewhere way out there in Space away from this World. But God's not going to be defeated, He's going to remake the Earth back into the Garden of Eden again and regenerate man into what he should have been.



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REVELATION CHAPTER 14 PART 1 -- Basic and General Study of Revelation,

compiled by Gaetan.

The Book of Revelation is divided beautifully into three sets of seven Chapters, plus an extra chapter as a conclusion. The first seven chapters offer a sort of a preview and resume of all history, from the past of John's Day through to the very End. The second seven chapters zero in on the worst and most awful period in human history, the Tribulation era with its Seven catastrophe-causing Trumpets. It ends with the Seventh Trumpet, the Last Trump announcing the Coming of Christ.

Now, in this 14th chapter, which is the end of the second set of seven of chapters, we are given a SUMMARY of the grand event that accompanies the Second Coming of Jesus Christ - the Rapture of His Saints!





REV.14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a **Lamb** stood on the mount **Sion**, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

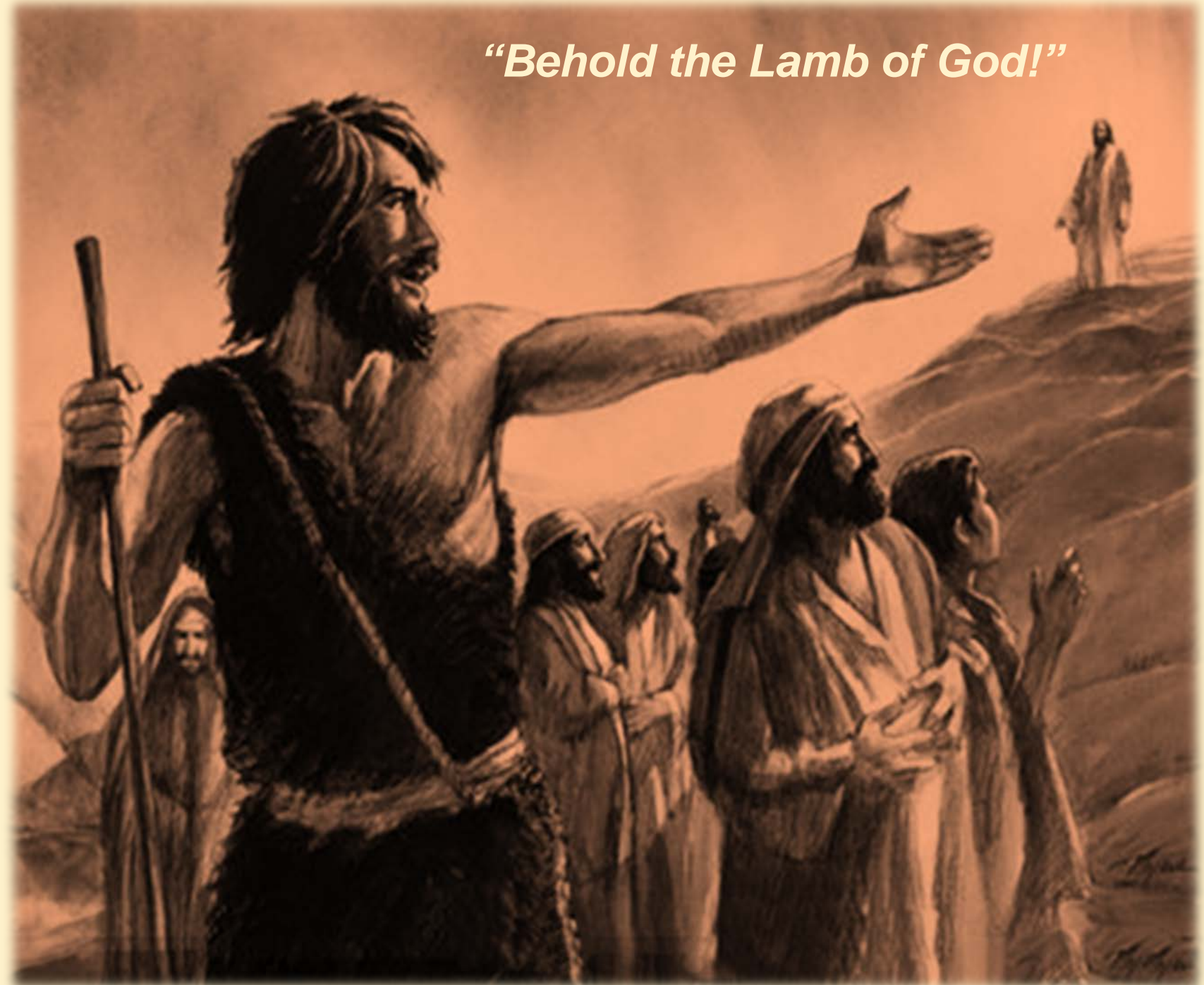
**** Psa.2:6** Yet have I set my king upon **my holy hill of Zion**.

**** Heb.12:22** But ye are come **unto mount Sion**, and unto **the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels,

**** Rev.3:12** Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will **write upon him the name of my God**, and the name of the city of my God, which is **new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven** from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Jesus is the Lamb of God. When John the Baptist saw Him, he exclaimed, "***Behold the Lamb of God.***" (Jn.1:29) These 144,000 are the same ones we saw back in chapter 7 who were being sealed in their foreheads before going through the Tribulation. They are God's elite people who have climbed the "*hill of God--MT. ZION*"--a mountain of spiritual victory over the world.

REV.14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard **the voice of harpers harping with their harps:**



REV.14:3 And **they sung as it were a new song** before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which **were redeemed** from the earth.

There is a great fanfare made for their entrance, for it's the grand appearance of the Stars of God's Great Play! It's as if they're taking a curtain call after having already appeared in the play, but here they appear with Him in Heaven.

--This time not just on Mount Zion, Jerusalem, Israel, where the first Christians started the Early Church, but now at the end of history, the play is almost over.



It's time for their curtain call, the fanfare, the applause and the plaudits of all creation, along with the voice of many waters, thunder, harpers! What a Grand Finale for any play! And they sang a new song! They have a grand final number that they're going to sing as this particular scene closes on this grand dramatic play of the Lord, only it's not just a play, it really will happen!

**** REV.5:8-9** *And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before **the Lamb, having every one of them harps**, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And **they sung a new song**, saying, Thou art worthy ... to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and **hast redeemed us to God by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.*



REV.14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.



REV.14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

**** 2CO.11:2** For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

**** JOH.10:27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

**** EPH.5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The apostle is speaking figuratively. In saying

"they were not defiled with women, for they are virgins,"

he doesn't mean that they were a bunch of celibates! Nor does it mean that they had never committed any sins; it simply means that in the sight of God they were pure and holy, sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ, that they stayed faithful to Christ, ***"their Bridegroom."***

They are greatly honoured here in this last grand scene, this great climax of the play in this particular scene of the World's greatest hour of Tribulation, which comes to its close with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! They're greatly praised, there's a great orchestra, there are harps, there are songs, there're thunders, there're all kinds of tremendous celebrations, and the vision shows that they're in Heaven with God! Praise God!



More on who are the 144,000

(1) They are most likely the same as the 144,000 who got sealed (chapter 7 verse 4) before the tribulation in order to be protected from the tribulation trumpets, be they Jewish Christians, or a mix of the *"Israel of God"* composed of Jewish and gentile Christians.

(2) Some others say they are the early Christians, the first fruits of Christianity. Nobody else could sing that song except these who were the ones who bore the earliest cross, the heat of the day during the pioneering of the Church--and they were nearly all Jews, those who began the Church of Jesus Christ, and they are referred to here in the fourth verse as *"the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb."* They were named in a previous chapter even by tribes, 12,000 from each tribe of Israel, 144,000 all together.



If you want to take it literally, these first Jewish Christians who initiated and established the Early Christian Church are practically being honoured here by the Lord for being pioneers, so many of them martyrs and pure in heart as far as God was concerned.

**** JAM.1:18** *Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be **a kind of first fruits** of his creatures.*

(3) Now if you don't want to believe that they were all the first Jewish Christians you could interpret this figuratively, symbolically as being the most outstanding believers of the Christian era throughout all history and are representatives of all those who went through the rapture, which is also called the **"first resurrection"**.

Following this scene, we have announcements by three angels, coming like trumpeters or heralds of the King onto the stage, announcing and warning of what's about to happen or has just happened:



REV.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,

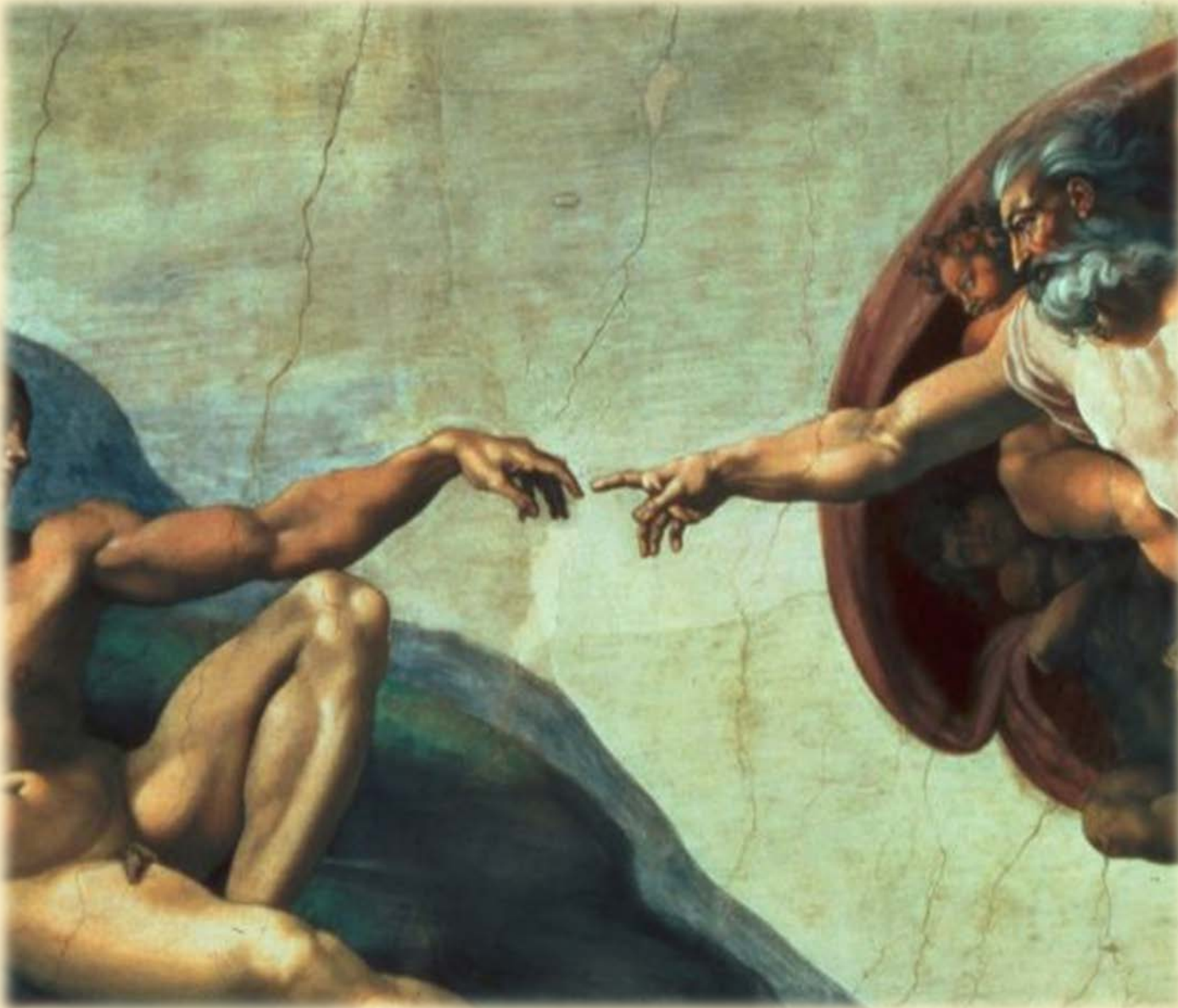
**** MAT.24:14** *And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world** for a witness unto all nations; and **then shall the end come.***

REV.14:7 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.

**** REV.4:11** *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created all things,** and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*



What is the Earth worshipping these Last Days instead of God the Creator? They are worshipping themselves and the creation! They are following the false, damnable, devilish lie of evolution, Darwin's fairy tale of self-determination or natural selection. And it is leading people to



think they can be their own creation and decide what they're going to be without God. Evolution teaches that the creation created itself, humans came into being without God; therefore, man is God. Modern religion is a religion of man worship and of the creation itself, empowered by **"science falsely so called"** (1Tim.6:20).

They say, ***"God is dead, we control our destiny, so abort your baby, worship your automobile, your home and screen TV. Do your own thing."***

But the world is going to hear this final message: ***"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, the fountains of waters."***

REV.14:8 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.**

**** JER.51:7-8** *Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, which made all the earth*

*drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore, the nations are mad. **Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed:** howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.*

**** REV.18:2-3** *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.***



This Babylon is not the ancient Babylon city of old-- which was a type of the Babylon of all ages, including today, the great World City Commercial System of wealth and money, riches, things and materialism! The religion of the world is the worship of things and not God! That is Babylon, who is also called the Harlot in chapters 17-18. Babylon is used as the symbolic name for all the Babylons or World Systems from the Beginning to the End!



Here in this great book of Revelation we have two women pictured: one is very good, beautiful and pure, the bride of Christ; the other is evil, wicked-- though beautiful--but a licentious fornicator, adulteress, witch, harlot and Mother of Harlots, the False Church! Not only the false religions but the greatest religion of all: that of the worship of things, materialism--riches, wealth, power! She is the false Bride who rules over the kings and peoples of this Earth! She is the bride of many kings, many whoremongers, many governments and many rulers! She loves and fornicates with them all for gain in order that she might be rich and powerful. She rules as

a queen, and she thinks she shall see no sorrow!



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REV.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,**



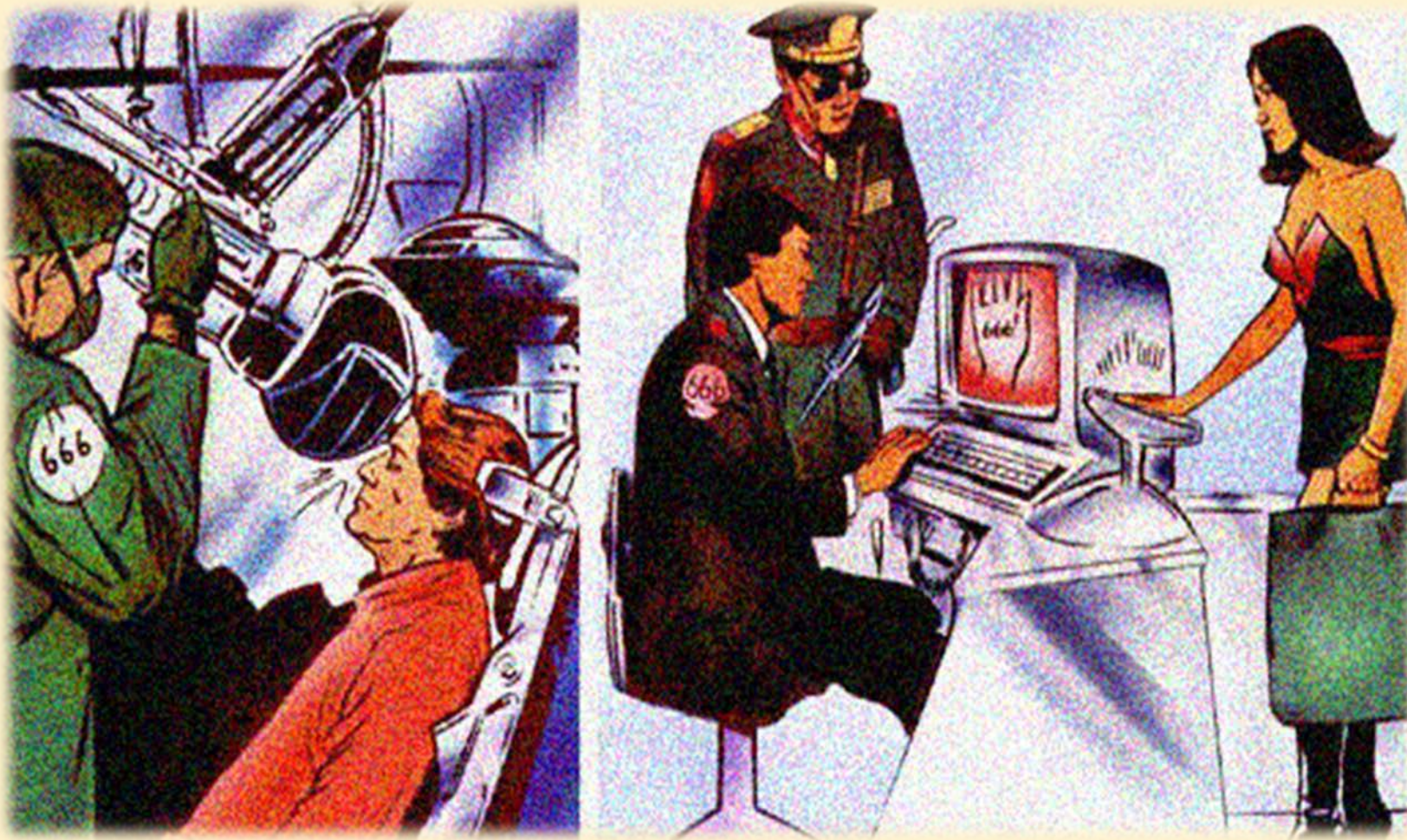
REV.14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; **and he shall be tormented** with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

This is in the announcement there of some of the horrors depicted and described

in the Book of Revelation on both sides of the Coming of the Lord--the horrors of the Great Tribulation before His 2nd Coming and then the Wrath of God!

REV.14:11 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.
(Rev.19:20)

Even though the inhabitants of “*Babylon*” have received their chastisement at the hands of the Beast empire (as the flashback account in *chapters 17-18* explains), this third angel warns the inhabitants of the Beast empire that they too will not escape if they choose to worship the



Antichrist. The Bible says that anybody who accepts the mark of the Beast is going to face a gloomy future in the Afterlife, so obviously no truly saved Christian is going to accept it! Because the Bible says that we who love Jesus will already have the invisible Mark of God in our foreheads--faith in Jesus Christ!

The rest of the World, at least those who are following the Antichrist, this horrible Beast, will have the Mark of the Beast in their foreheads or in their hands as they follow and worship him. But we who love the Lord cannot accept that Mark of the Beast, and we will not! If you love Jesus, you will refuse the Mark of the Beast, because you'll have God's mark in your forehead already! (*See Revelation 7:2, 3; 9:3, 4.*)

REV.14:12 Here is **the patience of the saints**: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

REV.14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **and 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**.

**** REV.3:10** *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.*





**** REV.6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

“Blessed are the dead”
There will be some martyrs at that time. What is death to the Christian? To die, as Paul said, is "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."
(2Cor.5:8) When we die, we go to be with Jesus and we'll get our reward. Death is our graduation; it's

something to look forward to, not something to fear. "Here is the patience of the saints!" What is their patience and hope? -- The coming of Jesus Christ on a cloud! --The Son of Man, having a sickle and a golden crown, and He reaps the Earth!



Don't miss the details of this harvest in part 2 of this chapter.

Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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Chapter 14 part 2
verses 14-20

Two Harvests

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REVELATION CHAPTER 14 PART 2 -- Two different Harvests

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**And there will be two different harvests:
The first one is for the people of God:**

REV.14:14 And I looked, and behold a **white cloud**, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

REV.14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, **thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.**

REV.14:16 And he that **sat on the cloud** thrust in his sickle on the earth; and **the earth was reaped.**

Obviously, a picture of Christ's great Second Coming and the gathering together of His Own unto Himself!



**** Mat.13:39-43** ...the harvest is the end of the world; and **the reapers are the angels**. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The **Son of man shall send forth his angels**, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire... Then **shall the righteous shine forth as the sun** in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (**Dan.12:3, Mt.24:30-31**)

**** Mar.13:26** And then shall they see **the Son of man coming in the clouds** with great power and glory. And then **shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect** from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.



Now this word "*elect*" here simply means the saved, His "*ecclesia*", which means His set-apart ones, the peacemakers, the pure in heart, the merciful, those who hunger and thirst after righteousness and are persecuted for it - His children! And when He starts collecting His children, He's certainly going to collect them all and not leave any behind!

He's going to gather all of them together! Nobody's going to be left behind that has received Jesus as his Saviour! For "*we shall all be changed!*" (1Co.15:51) And we will all be raised! He'll send His angels out to gather us from everywhere, from all around the whole Earth, and He won't leave one behind.

John envisioned Christ's gathering of His children as a great harvest: He's not coming as a babe in the manger this time, but as the King of kings, to rule and reign forever! -- ***"And in His hand a sharp sickle... and the Earth was reaped!"*** When our testimony here is finished, the Lord will harvest all the good grain that he possibly can, will gather it and take it into His garner upstairs. The Lord will tell His angels, His reapers, ***"Gather the wheat into My barn!"*** (Mt.13:30)

Jesus catches His People out and after that, according to the Revelation Book, comes the Wrath of God poured out upon those who remain, those who insist on continuing to practise evil.



The Second Coming of Jesus Christ, often referred to as the Rapture, will be the most anticipated and wonderful event for the Christians who have gone through the Tribulation. They have endured the depths of persecutions and the hell into which the world has descended under



the Devil incarnate, the tyrannical oppression of the Antichrist. Now their moment of release has come when they are to be taken out of this world and transported into the wonders and joys of Heaven.

It will have been a very hard and difficult three and a half years, but now their deliverance comes. God's People will have been supernaturally released and rescued out of the Great Tribulation of

this wicked World and will be in Heaven with Jesus having a wonderful party, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, while there's Hell on Earth as God dumps His judgements upon their malicious enemies who were left behind!



...and then comes the other Harvest:

REV.14:17 And **another angel** came out of the temple which is in heaven, **he also having a sharp sickle.**

REV.14:18 And **another angel** came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, **Thrust in thy sharp sickle**, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes **are fully ripe.**

REV.14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

REV.14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, **even unto the horse bridles**, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. **(320 kilometers)**

If you follow the order of events, then right after the gathering of the saints would have to follow the judgment and the wrath of God upon the evil-doers left behind. The church will suffer some tribulation, but they're not going to go through the wrath of God.

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath." (1Th.5:9)

Only the wicked, only those who have totally rejected Jesus and have been persecuting His Prophets, are reserved for this fate.

**** REV.16:1** *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.***

**** REV.19:15-16** *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with **it he should smite the nations:** and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.***



The Book of Joel speaks about God's judgment. It telescopes from those prophecies about his day to the End of this Age (our present day), using language very similar to what is found in verses 17 to 19:



**** Joel 3:12-13** *Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. (See also Joel 2:11; 3:9-11.)*

But following these verses (14-16) about the rapture comes an altogether different harvest, which has to do with those who miss the first one! The slaughter at the battle of Armageddon is going to be so horrible that blood is going to run like a river, in some places even as deep as the horses' bridles! ***“...even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”***



That's some Wrath. 1600 furlongs--do you know how far that is? Over two hundred miles! A river of blood 200 miles long! Think of it!! Whether you think it's symbolic or not, it certainly is talking about a horrible slaughter. That's about the length of a river that flows through the bottom of that valley of Megiddo where the battle of Armageddon will take place, and that river is normally not very deep, up to the horses' bridles. It is not going to necessarily be a river of solid blood! Well, maybe so, but it's a little more logical and scientific to believe it's probably the blood that drains down and flows into that river from this battle, to the horses' bridles where they ford the river. (*Rev.16:14, 16*)

Humans tend to boast about themselves, but here, from God's point of view, we see humanity without God compared to a bunch of grapes squashed in a winepress. Instead of grape juice, blood pours forth, in this last great battle. Human history has been a sorry record of one war after another so the end of our present Age will be a welcome relief, for it will bring an end to human violence.

And this is exactly what is going to happen soon to the anti-Christ wicked of this world! They will not only refuse to voluntarily yield themselves to the Prince of Peace, but in the final expression of their violent defiance of Christ and His Kingdom, they're actually going to send armies to try to fight and wage war against Him! Think of that! The Battle of Armageddon! They'll fight against Him furiously in their last-ditch attempt to oppose Christ's and the saints' takeover of planet Earth!

Those who reject God, ally themselves with the enemy, and they pay a great price for such an allegiance. Note that God is slow to anger. He has allowed this world system ("*Babylon*") to go on for thousands of years, and the only reason is to give people an opportunity to trust in His Son.



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When the time is truly “ripe,” God will give the order and this earth and its people will reap what they have sown. The harvest WILL come.

Yes, He is slow to anger, but He is certainly capable of that emotion, for He burns white-hot when sin occurs, because it harms His children. It is essential that we understand the times in which we live. Many today want the restraints of God, loving laws and culture to be completely set aside. To the extent that people get their own way and succeed in essentially “*throwing*” God out of our countries and lives, we are hastening destruction on ourselves and our children.



When Christ finally takes over it's going to have to be with force and with power, "***with great power and glory***"! The wicked just don't understand anything else! So, God says He's going to destroy them which destroy the Earth (***Rev.11:18***), and you will suffer too if you refuse to surrender to God and His Love, His Son Christ Jesus, the one and only Prince of Peace!



He warned us, all through this book, that if you don't want Jesus, if you refuse the Love of God and the Light of Jesus, His Truth and His way, then you have only darkness and a gloomy future in the Afterlife to look forward to! If you reject and refuse to make Jesus a part of your life, these catastrophes are the kind of Hell on Earth you'll have to face! --Plus in the Afterlife, landing somewhere you'd rather not be! That's not a very bright picture we are

painting for you, is it? Well, we didn't paint it, God did!

The judgment of God is sent to this planet with a sigh from above, for He has no pleasure in our destruction.

“Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?” (Eze.18:23, Eze.33:11)

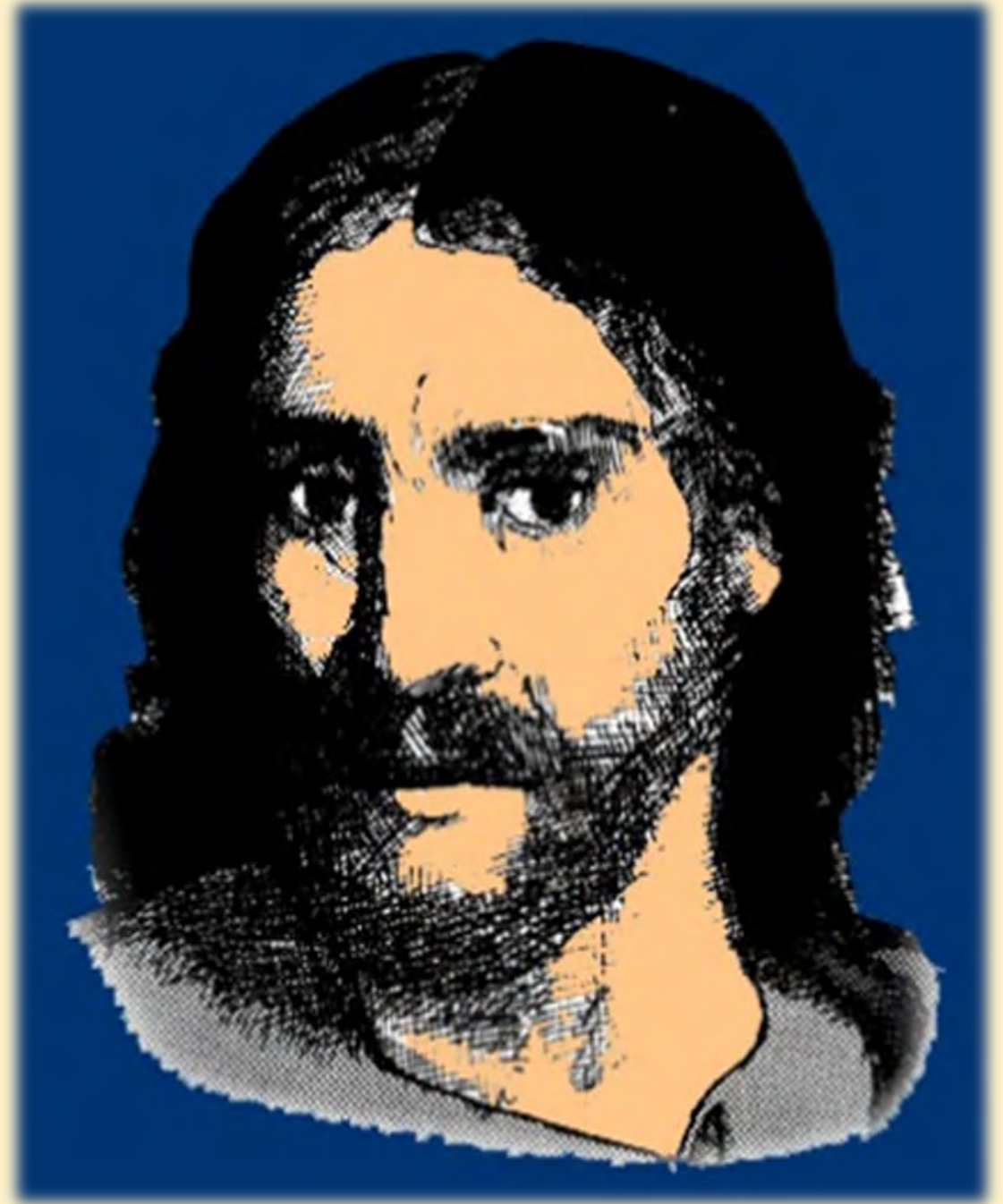
And that's the truth. He loves us so much that He will not allow wickedness to go past certain limits. We are headed for eternity, where sin will be no more. The harvest is coming, when God's righteous anger will bring an end to the sinful works and deeds of humankind, and His love will RESCUE those who have been trusting in the Lamb of God.



He is the God of love! In fact, "God is love!"
(1Jn.4:8) And "He is not willing that any should
perish, but that all should come to repentance."
(2Pe.3:9.)

So, if you don't know Him and you want to enjoy
Heavenly happiness now and forever and miss this
coming Hell on Earth and a gloomy Afterlife, then
receive Jesus and His gift of Eternal Life by asking
Him into your heart! Which will it be for you? The
happy ending of God's wonderful, beautiful Heaven
on Earth? --Or the Hell on Earth of those left behind
to suffer the righteous indignation of God in the
Battle of Armageddon and all the other catastrophes
and plagues that are coming? Which will it be for
you? Whose side are you on? The choice is up to
you! --Take Jesus today! --Tomorrow may be too
late! Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the
Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart
and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me
with Your Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word.
Amen"



In the 14th chapter we read again about the End. We have the fall of Babylon, the Rapture and we

have the Wrath of God, all those major events, as well as the Gospel preached to all the World. See, the Lord keeps going over it and over it and over it, *“review review review”*, to try to remind us and get the things straight in our head!

Within the chapters you will find that the order of events is very clear and they are sequential, but then later the Lord will often

go back to a previous vision and go over it again in some other way or from some other angle, stressing or emphasizing some other phase or some other point or some other personality. But it's very important that you understand, that just like those movies with flashbacks, Revelation is constructed much the same way, with the flashbacks going each time into greater detail about an event which has already been described briefly or mentioned briefly.

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Let's follow the order of events with the following End Time chart: the Great Tribulation starts when the Antichrist breaks the covenant (*Dan9:27*); at that point the 7 trumpets of tribulation begin to sound, one by one, followed by the Rapture of the saints who then go on to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, while the seven vials of the Wrath of God are poured out on the wicked. More details coming in the next few chapters.

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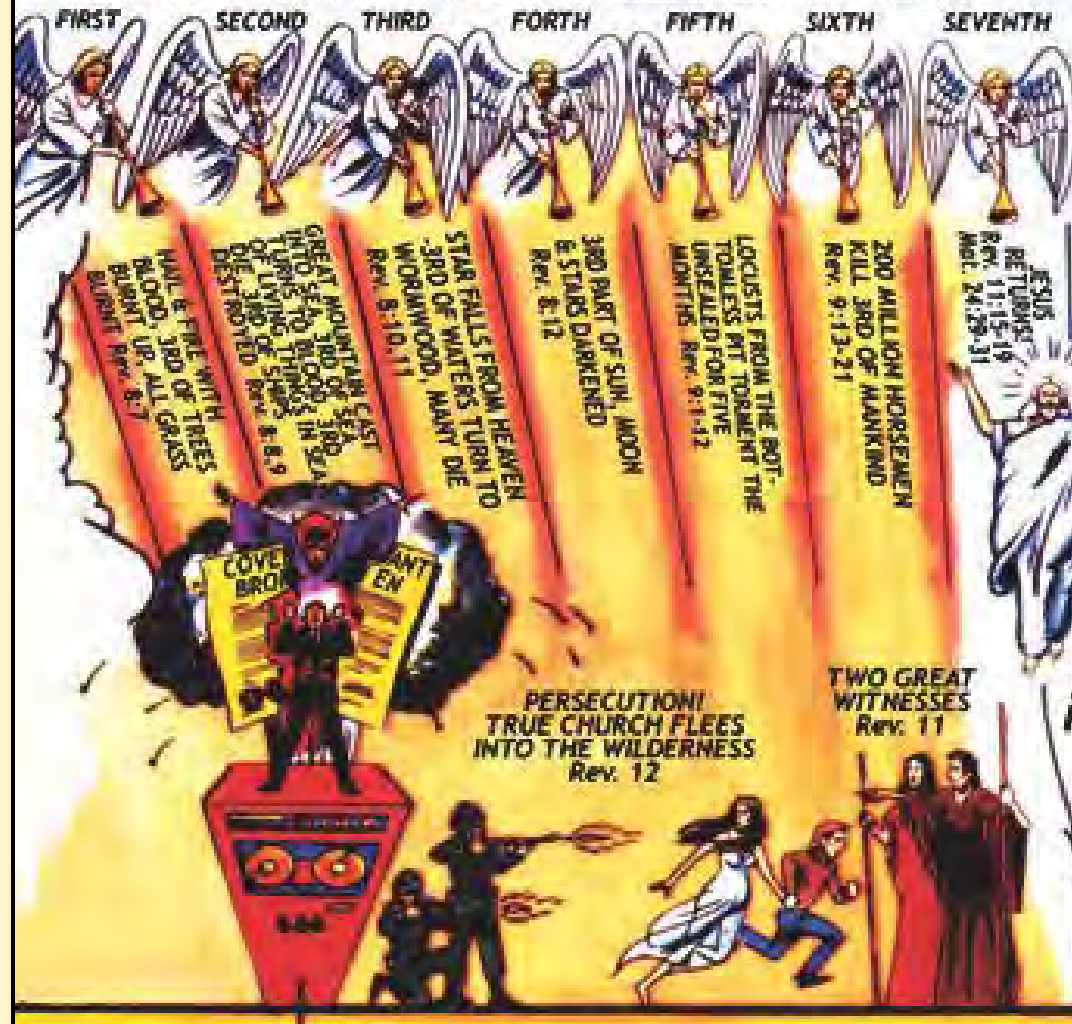
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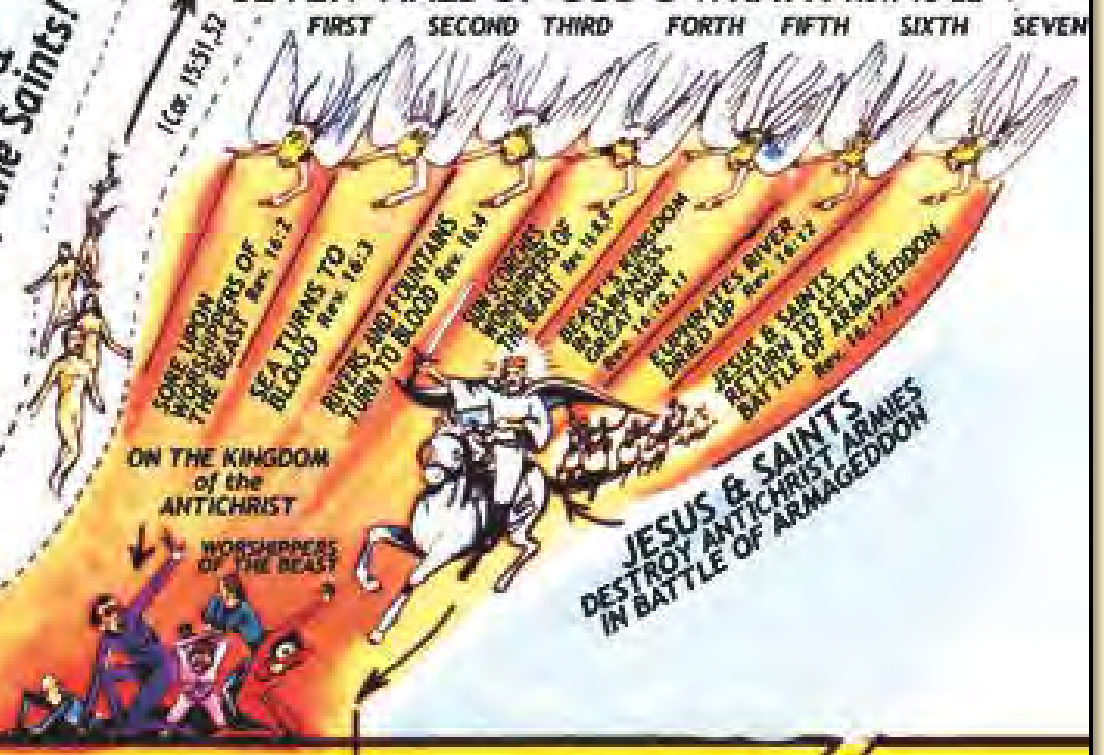
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7 Angels of Wrath

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REVELATION CHAPTER 15

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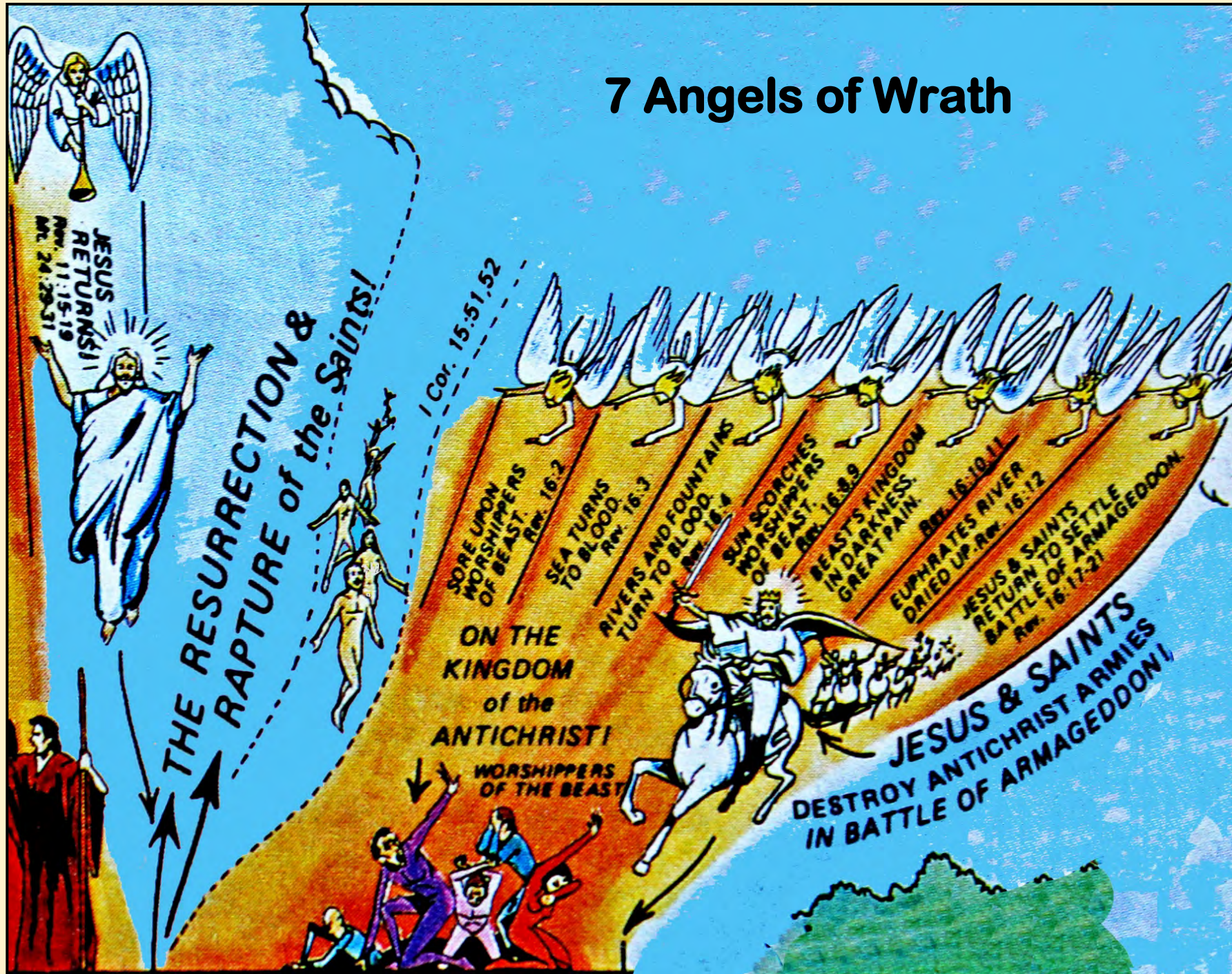
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REV.15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, **seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

REV.15:2 And I saw as it were a **sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast**, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, **stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.**

In this 15th chapter God introduces these seven angels of wrath having the Seven Last Plagues! The same miraculous Second Coming of Christ, which will rescue God's Children, will also begin God's righteous judgments on the wicked, many of whom will be drowned in a flood of catastrophes, described in **verse 7 as "seven golden vials full of the wrath of God"**.

7 Angels of Wrath



“Seven angels” will “pour out” these vials onto the earth (Rev.16:1) after Jesus Christ has gathered His Own, His people of faith, those who love Him and are saved by His blood and His sacrifice on Calvary. There won't be anybody left behind except the living dead, in the Hell that both Satan and God are going to bring upon this Earth!

God will pour out His judgements upon the Beast and his earthly kingdom and will destroy that final, futile attempt by the forces of Darkness to tyrannize and rule the Earth!

The “sea of glass” was mentioned before in REV.4:6: *And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts...*

About the “sea of glass”, this is a technical term borrowed from the Old Testament use of the word for the “laver” in the ancient Jewish temple. And here the heavenly reality appears, of which the ancient Jewish “laver” was a mere symbol. The word “laver” means a bath or wash basin containing water for the purpose of washing. The Jewish priests were commanded to continually wash their hands and feet during tabernacle service.(Ex 30:17-21) Just as for the ancient Jewish priests, so in this heavenly vision, the overcomers, the saved and those washed by the water of the Word, are seen as standing over this sea, this “laver”, singing, praising and serving God.



THE BRAZEN LAVER.

“Them that had gotten the victory over the beast.” John saw the Tribulation saints in Heaven just before the Wrath of God was to begin, which again shows clearly that the Church will be on earth through the Tribulation but will be in Heaven during the Wrath. It is so important to realize there is a chronological difference between the Tribulation and the Wrath periods. They are two distinct series of events. (*1Thes.5:9*)

REV.15:3 And they sing the song of **Moses** the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, **Great and marvellous are thy works**, Lord God Almighty; **just and true are thy ways**, thou King of saints.



In the Old Testament, *Exodus Chapter 15*, Moses of old sang his song of victory when God delivered Him and the children of Israel out of Egypt by a miraculous parting of the Red Sea and then destroyed all his enemies with the same sea by letting its waters return on the Egyptians, drowning them in a flood.

**** *Exo.15:1-18* Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake,**



saying, *I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

Now in Chapter 15 of Revelation the End Time children of God are singing the song of Moses and Jesus (the lamb), who rescued them at the Rapture from the clutches of their modern pharaoh, the Antichrist!

REV.15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

There we stand, we who love Jesus, who have suffered through all of this hell on earth and the opposition and persecution of our enemies! There we will be with Christ at last, supreme, glorious, radiant, happy, singing the songs of Moses and of the Lord! And they will praise the Lord and say, *“Who shall not fear thee, O Lord”*.



Who in the World could not fear God after all of this? In the 13th chapter we read about the whole World worshiping and wondering after the Beast. But after God's "**judgments are made manifest**", they wonder after Jesus and worship Him! Praise God!

**** REV.13:3 ...and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast...** 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?**

**** JER.10:7 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? For to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee.**

**** PSA.86:9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.**

**** PHI.2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**



REV.15:5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of **the tabernacle of the testimony** in **heaven** was opened:

*In REV.11:19 also, we read, “And the temple of God was **opened in heaven**, and **there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament**: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.”*



Where has the Tabernacle of the Testimony been, the Ark of the Covenant, the Ark of God which symbolized the presence of God upon Earth and once symbolized the presence of God in the old Jewish Temple? Where is it now? It's been a mystery for ages! This is the second time it's been mentioned in the book of Revelation, remember? And there it is, John sees it standing right there in the Temple of God in Heaven. Is this the actual Ark of the Covenant that was on Earth, or is it the Heavenly reality, of which Moses' Ark was only a symbol?

That is a question that has puzzled many. But regardless, the main thing to remember is this: we don't need an Ark of the Covenant to communicate with God. Through the Name of Jesus anyone can have access to and communicate with the Father.

REV.15:6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

REV.15:7 And one of the four beasts (also translated as “*living creatures*”) gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

Those vials are sometimes pictured by great artists as looking like test tubes of wrath, but a better word might have been “*bowls of wrath*”. In olden-days people ate and drank out of bowls,

and a “*bowl*” could

symbolize the

“*cup*” of

God's Wrath.

As the cup of

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and its evil-doers after rescuing His Own children in the Rapture as you will recall from *chapter 14*!



And they took these vials of wrath from one of these four living creatures. We never got into trying to explain to you what these four living creatures were. We've heard scholars try to explain them, and we don't think any satisfactory explanation has ever been given! They've appeared several times in the Book of Revelation. What are they? Well, all kinds of theories have been given. They seem to symbolise the great powers of God by which He runs the universe, great powers having the appearances of an ox, an eagle, a lion, and a man!-- All various symbols of great power!

Here they're all gathered around the throne of God, giving glory to God, worshipping God, making great announcements to God, saying "*Amen*" to God, doing certain duties for God! Who are they? We don't know. We can only theorize.



In a mysterious vision clear back in the book of Ezekiel, there were also four living creatures which bore the Throne of God. God is pictured riding in some sort of great “*flying saucer*” - like vehicle with wheels! Just read *Ezekiel, first chapter*, and you'll see the four living creatures there.



**** EZE.1:5 and 10** Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of **four living creatures...**As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the **face of a man**, and the **face of a lion...**and they four had the **face of an ox ...**also had the face of an **eagle**.



REV.15:8 And the temple **was filled with smoke** from the glory of God, and from his power; and **no man was able to enter into the temple**, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

The earthly temple of the Jewish people in the Old Testament was a symbolic representation of this temple in Heaven.

**** 2 CH.5:13-14** *It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make **one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD**; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that **then the house was filled with a cloud**, even the house of the LORD; **So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.***



We will read the description of these seven plagues in the next chapter.

Be ready for what is coming. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says:

"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), 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. Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

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Verses 1 - 11

5 Vials of Wrath!

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REVELATION CHAPTER 16 part 1 -- 5 Vials of Wrath

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Revelation chapter 16 offers to us a vivid picture of the hell that's going to be unleashed on this earth after Jesus Christ has gathered the believers, those who have accepted Him as their Savior, up into that wonderful wedding supper in Heaven (*Rev.19:7-9*). While that celebration is happening, God unleashes His final judgments upon the Antichrist's empire. In Revelation 15, the

introductory chapter to these judgments, we saw that these final catastrophes will be delivered by...

“Seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete” (15:1)

By the end of our 6,000 years here upon the earth, human society has had its day, done its damndest, and made such a big mess out of God's creation, which had begun so beautifully and so perfectly in that gorgeous Garden of Eden! That was the beauty of God's creation! That

was the Love of God! That's how it all began, so beautifully and wonderfully, almost beyond imagination how beautiful it was!





But human society, under the Devil's influence, has brought Hell on Earth! So, the world wants Hell? --God will give it! --and He can do it even better than the world can! Since the world chose the Antichrist as their king and evil as their way of life and the worship of idols as their religion, disobedience to God and obedience to Satan, then God is going to give the world what they have chosen!

We find here these angels of the Wrath of God coming now to give the evildoers who are left more Hell than they themselves could ever have created! Because that's what the world has asked for, that is what the world deserves, that's what final End Time human society gets for worshipping Satan as their god, the Antichrist and his Image as their god, accepting Satan's word instead of God's, and so bringing Hell on Earth!

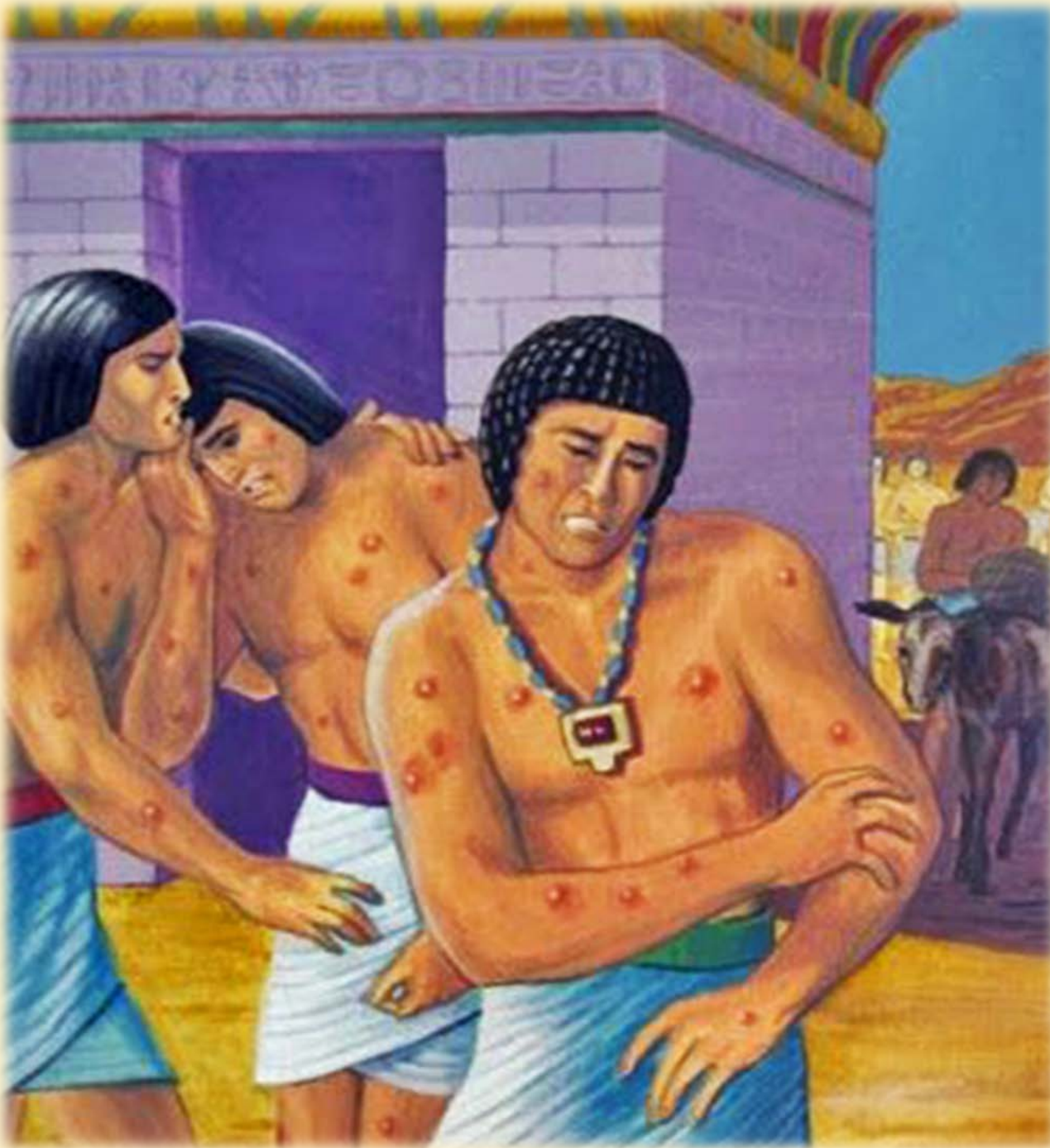
Pay attention to what kind of plagues are poured out and what parts of the Earth they affect:

REV.16:1 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.**

REV.16:2 And **the first** went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and **there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.**

The first plague is poured out on the earth and those who had followed the Beast, the followers of the Antichrist who accepted his Mark and worshipped him and his Image, and they develop sores, horrible sores. But what about the people who were neither believers in Jesus nor Antichrist worshippers? They live through this grim era of the Wrath of God, but do they also get the sores? This verse here states that it fell *“upon the men which **had the mark of the beast, and...worshipped his image.**”* So, they will most likely be spared from it.





**** EXO.9:8-9** *And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and **shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.***

These plagues are very similar to the ones in ancient Egypt during Moses' time, only they're much more severe and affect the whole world.

REV.16:3 And the **second angel** poured out his vial **upon the sea**; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

REV.16:4 And the **third angel** poured out his vial **upon the rivers and fountains of waters**; and they became blood.

A similar plague fell upon ancient Egypt.



**** EXO.7:17** *Thus saith the LORD, in this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand **upon the waters** which are in **the river, and they shall be turned to blood.***

Now you notice some of these plagues had already been brought by the judgements of God on the kingdom of the Antichrist during the Tribulation, during his rule and reign, as recounted in Revelation chapters 8 and 9, but they were only partial at that time! A third was destroyed, a third of the waters became blood, and a third of the trees were burned up and so on, remember? This time it seems to be almost total, horrible! It says the whole sea became blood, apparently all the sea, and every living soul died in the sea!

--What a mess! It's hard to fathom how this could happen worldwide and how anyone could survive it. Maybe it refers to certain areas of the Earth, or the area of the Mediterranean Sea? Well, I'm sure what is said here is true, and it's going to happen, but how it's going to happen is still a mystery.





REV.16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, **thou art righteous**, O Lord, which art, and was, and shalt be, **because thou hast judged thus**.

REV.16:6 For they have shed the blood of **saints and prophets**, and thou **hast given them blood to drink**; for they are worthy.

It seems like **blood in the water supply is meant as retribution for the blood of martyred saints and prophets**. Throughout the centuries, the world and many of its evil regimes have rebelled against God and His people. They deserve this punishment.

REV.16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, even so, Lord God Almighty, **true and righteous are thy judgments**.

**** HEB.10:30-31** *For we know him that hath said, **Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense**, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.***

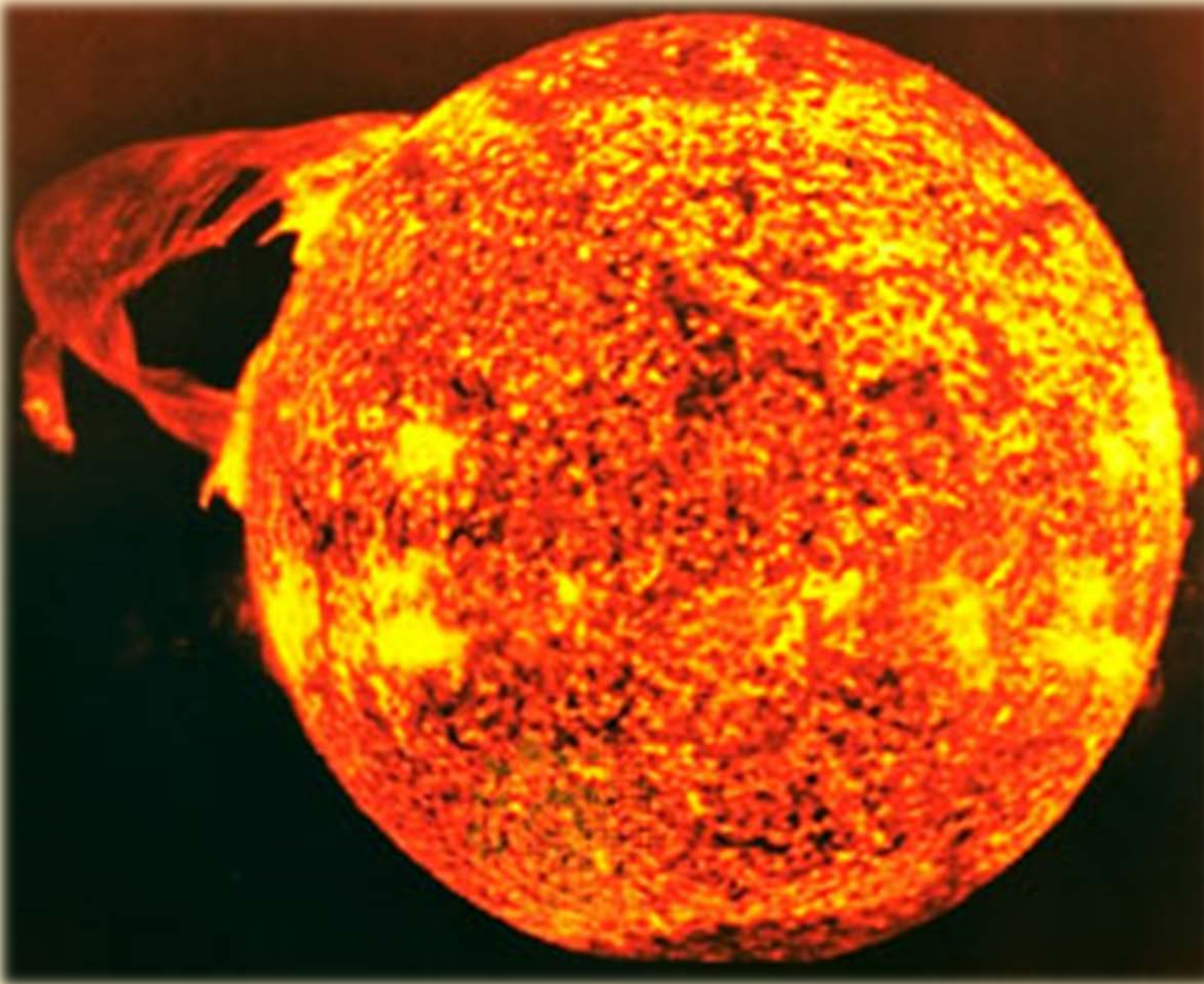
As horrendous as these judgments are, the rebellious world deserves and needs them. Everyone likes to think of God as the God of love, but few remember, that He is also the Judge of the world. (*Psa.7:11; Ps.75:7*) Thank God His grace saved us. He is patient, not willing that even one should perish.

However, there is a time for judgment and retribution and God will judge everyone fairly. This will be such a time.

There will be no way to get a drink of water, nothing to drink but blood! And the Angel says they're worthy of it because they shed the blood of God's Prophets, His children and His people, so they deserve to drink blood! What a vengeance! How the blood of the martyrs is avenged! --Those that cried from under the altar of God in Heaven in Chapter 6, "*How long, O Lord, how long until You avenge our blood upon our enemies?!*" (*Revelation 6:10*) Well, here is the somber answer to their prayers!



REV.16:8 And the **fourth angel** poured out his vial **upon the sun**; and **power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.**



REV.16:9 And men **were scorched with great heat**, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and **they repented not to give him glory.**

God is going to cause the intense heat of the sun to be multiplied. Elsewhere in Scripture, this is expressed as light increasing “*sevenfold*” – which is probably a literary way of saying “*a lot*”.

**** ISA.30:26** *Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and **the light of the sun shall be sevenfold**, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.*

REV.16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

REV.16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

A similar plague was unleashed in ancient Egypt:

**** EXO.10:22-23** And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and **there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt** three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

Other references to this period of “darkness” at the End of the Age:

**** AMOS 5:18** Woe unto you that desire **the day of the LORD!** To what end is it for you? **The day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.**



**** REV.9:20** *And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues **yet repented not of the works of their hands**, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk.*

The fifth bowl is a direct hit on the Antichrist and his forces. While the first four seemed to generally afflict the entire world, this particular one lands right on the Antichrist and the heart of his kingdom. The curses and plagues and horrors will be so bad that men shall gnaw their tongues because of the pain. And will they then repent? No! It says:

"They blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not."

What do the wicked do when they're punished for their unbelief and sins? Does it drive them to their knees in true repentance? Now, we mean the truly wicked. Everyone is a sinner, everyone has done wicked things; but those who humble themselves and accept Christ, they repent and turn from their sins, they have a real revolution in their lives and turn around and go in a different direction. But do the Wicked? --NO!



Under all these terrible plagues, what happens? ***"They blaspheme the name of God."*** Who? Who do they curse? Who has power over these plagues? The Devil? No, it says God does, and as usual when the wicked curse God when things go wrong, it shows they know there is a God and that He brought the plagues. But instead of taking responsibility and humbly repenting, ***"they blaspheme the name of God"***, which gives God all the more reason to keep punishing them!

Isaiah, when prophesying against the ancient city of Babylon, seemed to also foresee this time of wrath and prophesied:

***** Isaiah 13:9-13 Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity...Therefore, I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.***

The whole earth will become a disaster area under these awful judgments of God!





But you don't have to go through the wrath of God. The apostle Paul wrote, "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thes.5:9. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says:

"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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Verses 12 - 21

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REVELATION CHAPTER 16 part 2

The 6th and 7th vials of the Wrath of God
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In part 2 of this chapter, the 6th and 7th angels of wrath pour out their vials.

REV.16:12 And the **sixth angel** poured out his vial upon the great river **Euphrates**; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Somehow the River Euphrates figures prominently in the events to come at the End of the Age. During the era of the Great Tribulation, one of the Trumpets loosed *“four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates”*, which resulted in a rampage of 200 million *“horsemen”* to slay a huge number of Earth’s people. Perhaps this 6th vial is in some way connected to what took place under the 6th Trumpet in *Revelation chapter 9 verses 14-16*:

*“Saying to the **sixth angel which had the trumpet, loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.** And the four angels were loosed, which were **prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.** And the number of the army of the horsemen were **two hundred thousand thousand:** and I heard the number of them.”*



REV.16:13 And I saw **three unclean spirits like frogs** come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.

REV.16:14 For they are the **spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth** and of the whole world, **to gather them to the battle** of that great day of God Almighty. (see *2Thes.2:9-10; Rev.13:13-14*)



REV.16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon**.

The world's military forces will be assembled by the evil spirits of Satan himself, the Antichrist and his False Prophet!

So, at the very End, the sixth angel dries up the great river Euphrates to prepare the way for the kings of the east, the armies of the east. The Euphrates River is the eastern border of the land God gave to Abraham (*Genesis 15:18*). It is about 1800 kilometers long and acts as a natural barrier against invading armies.

Most people are not aware of the fact that it served as the eastern border of the Roman Empire. Whether there is any connection between the 6th Trumpet and the 6th Vial is difficult to say at this point. But it is unusual that both feature the river Euphrates, and both are listed as the 6th in the series of Trumpets and Vials. Now in this 6th Vial the armies from the East are going to come marching across the dried-up Euphrates riverbed, summoned together by the Devil himself for a last great battle on Earth.





It's called the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty in the **14th verse**, and then in the **16th verse**, the location is named: **"a place called Armageddon."** This literally means the height of Megiddo. Now there is a valley South of Haifa, Israel--called the Valley of Megiddo or the Valley of Esdralon, various names, Valley of the Kishon River.

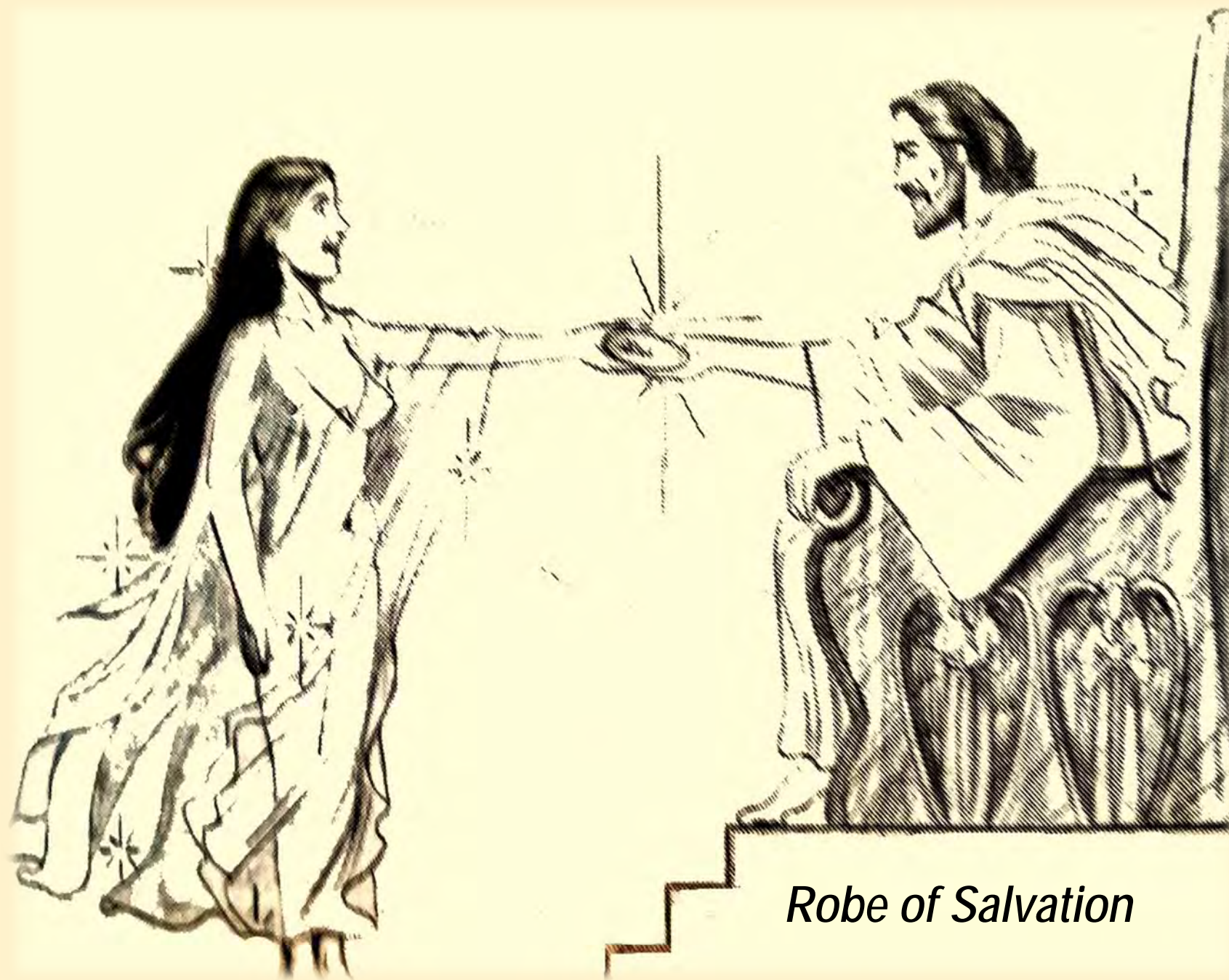


When Napoleon first saw it he said, **"What a place for a battle!"** When one of the great generals of World War 2 saw it, he said, **"What a strategic place for a battle!"** Many generals have commented over this spectacular spot! So strategic! The valley leading from Haifa down almost to Jerusalem.



ARMAGEDDON

You've heard of this Battle of Armageddon all your life, haven't you? And every new World War, or great war that has come, gets the label of **"Armageddon"**. But those were hardly more than little previews, little samples of the final devastation of this final great worst-of-all wars at the end of the present Age! So then when God has enabled them to be gathered together from all over the earth into this Valley surrounding the height of Megiddo, Armageddon, the Seventh angel will pour out his vial into the air!



Robe of Salvation

REV.16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. **Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments,** lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

**** ISA.61:10** *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the **garments of salvation**, he hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness**.*

And whoever's left on Earth is to watch and keep their garments--what garments are these? That suit, coat and tie you're wearing? That lovely dress you're wearing, ladies? Of course not! He's talking about the robes of righteousness!

He's talking about the clothing of Salvation, not natural clothing. He says, ***"lest ye be found naked."*** That means lest you be found without His Salvation, without His robes of righteousness.

Not everyone is going to be like those in verses 9 and 11 who ***"blasphemed the name of God...and repented not of their deeds"***.

There are some, many perhaps, who realize what's going on; they're watching, keeping their garments, their integrity, and not rebelling against God. Another reference is made, it seems, to these folks who make it through this last catastrophic era... with their integrity intact.

"Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." (Daniel 12:12)



REV.16:17 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.**



**** REV.11:15** ...and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ;** and he shall reign for ever

**** REV.21:6** And he said unto me, **it is done.** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Meaning, this is the End, the last scene in this horrible drama of all the damage that human society has done on Earth! Warfare is mankind's greatest sport! And this is the last scene, this last horrific Battle of Armageddon! This time the world's armies gathers together under the Devil himself to try to fight the forces of God! How foolish! How ridiculous! How presumptuous! You wonder how the Devil could be so dumb as to think he can fight God! Well, he's been trying for thousands of years, and will keep trying unto the very End! He's made himself king of the World, the god of humankind, and now he plans to fight the very forces of Heaven that will be invading the Earth! **(See Rev.19:19-20)**



REV.16:18 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.

**** REV.6:12** *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, **there was a great earthquake;** and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood.*

REV.16:19 And the **great city** was divided into three parts, and the **cities of the nations fell:** and **great Babylon** came in remembrance before God, to **give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.**

REV.16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

“And the great city was divided into three parts”. Scholars are divided about the identity of that ***“great city”***. Some say it is Jerusalem, others say Babylon or even Rome. That great city probably refers to Jerusalem, as it is contrasted in this verse with ***“the cities of the nations”***.

The division into three parts would more naturally speak of Jerusalem, for we know that the



Mount of Olives will divide in two when Messiah returns. (Zec.14:3-4) Then shall the LORD go forth, ***and fight against those nations***, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day ***upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem*** on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; ***and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.***

Perhaps this causes a three-way division within Jerusalem itself. **Verse 19** doesn't mention this city by name and we will have to wait until those events start to happen before we can know for sure about some of these details.

One great final earthquake is going to destroy the *“cities of the nations.”* Whether this means all the cities of the world is not made clear, but nevertheless this earthquake is very destructive. And God causes the fierceness of His wrath to fall on *“great Babylon”*. The term *“Babylon”* seems to have a specific and a general application in the *Book of Revelation*.

Here in *chapter 16*, we read of God’s judgment on the *“Babylon”* of the whole world-- the world commercial system, its money and banking systems, its cities, its buildings, all tied together in the worship of Mammon, the worship of wealth, the worship of Materialism, the greatest religion of the World to which nearly everyone belongs, except the followers of Jesus Christ!



**** ISA.30:25** And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in **the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.**



**** ISA.2:14-29** And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, and upon every **high tower, and upon every fenced wall...** And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the **haughtiness of men shall be made low:** and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day... **when he arises to shake terribly the earth.**

**** Eze.38:19-20** For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: "Surely **in that day there shall be a great earthquake** in the land of Israel.

So that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth **shall shake at My presence.** The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and **every wall shall fall to the ground."**

REV.16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

And then a horrible hailstorm coming down from Heaven! The Lord said the hailstones in the Last Days would be as big as a talent! How much does a talent weigh? --The standard of measurement and weight of a talent that they used then in the Bible weighed 75 pounds, somewhere around 35 kilos. (*EX.9:23*)

So ends this devastating wrath of God upon the world during its final rebellion after the Great Tribulation has ended. At this time the Saints will have risen to be with the Lord in Heaven! You don't want to be left here on Earth then, do you?



You'll notice how we come to the End once more with Armageddon and the Wrath of God, events that were mentioned before. Time and again it speaks of the very End as featuring a very great earthquake, great hail from Heaven, a great shaking of the Earth etc. So, the book of Revelation is very consistent. (Rev.6:14-17, 11:18-19, 14:17-20, 15:6-8)

Next time we're going to study the **17th chapter**: this is one of the most fascinating, interesting chapters and it uses the flashback technique, something that nowadays is often used in movie productions. The vision goes back then to explain why terrible judgements are to befall upon "**Babylon the Whore**", who and what she represents and so on, her worship of idols, especially material things, wealth and riches! We'll get into all this in the next chapter.



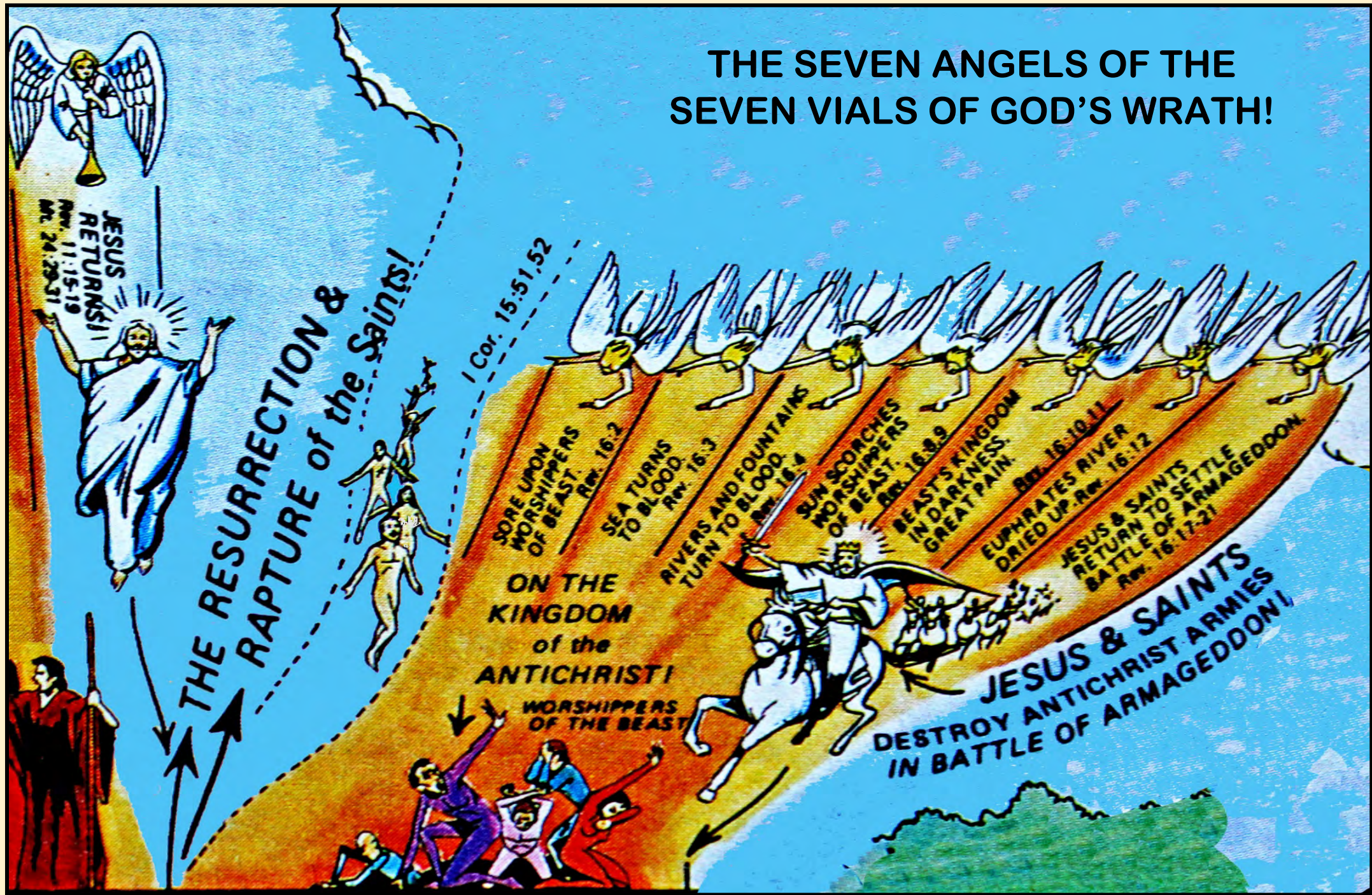
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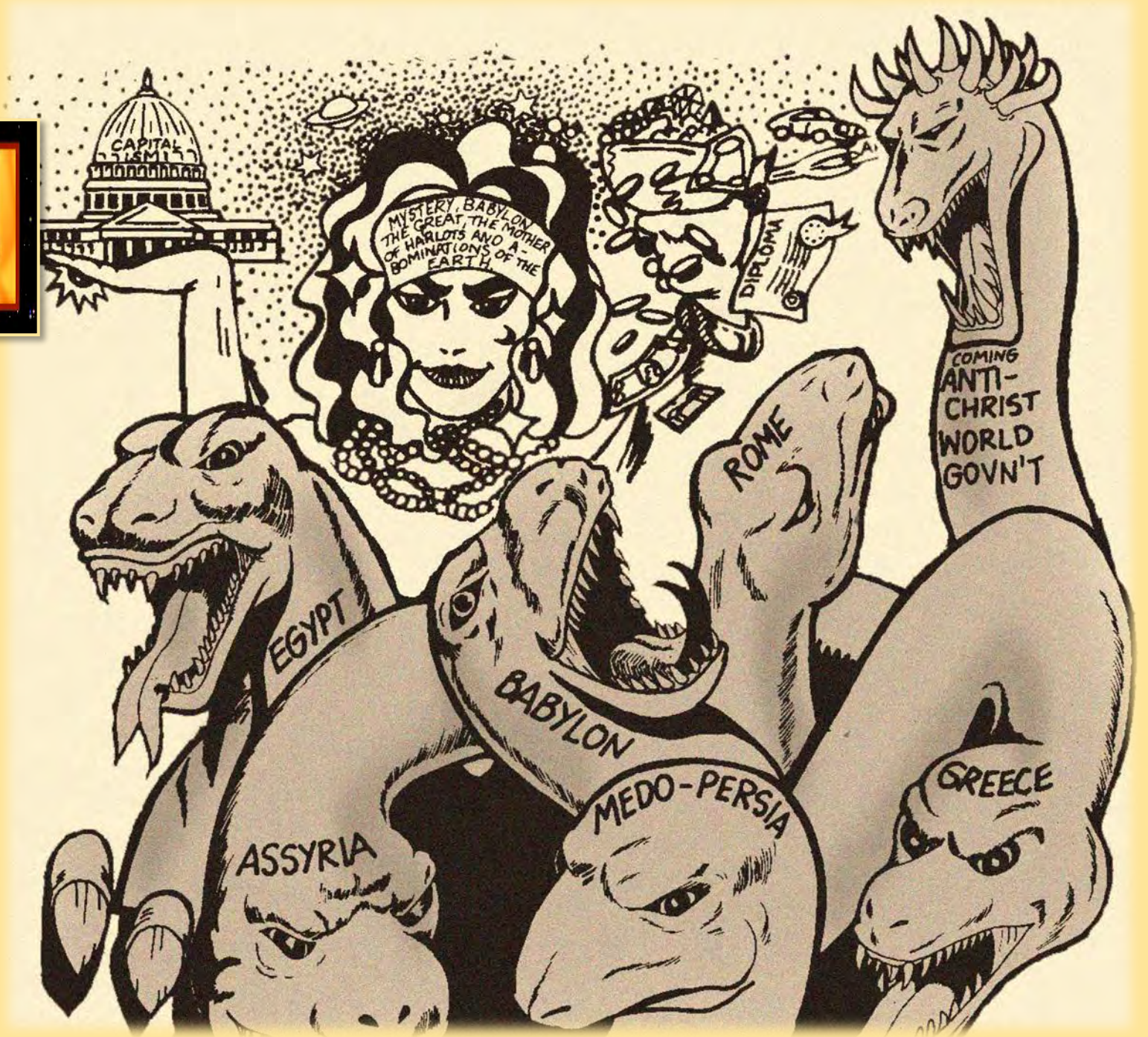
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This 17th chapter is one of the most symbolic, significant, but also complex, chapters in the Book of Revelation, and it requires a good amount of interpretation. The chapter starts with the appearance of an angel who “*carries*” John “*in the spirit*” and shows him a vision (*verses 1 to 6*), and then proceeds to give him the interpretation (*verses 7 to 18*).

REV.17:1 And there came **one of the seven angels which had the seven vials**, and talked with me, saying unto me, come hither; **I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:**

Here appears one of the seven Angels of Wrath from the preceding passages (*chapters 15 and 16*). And remember, the story is steadily progressing, offering greater detail all the time, much of which comes through the use of flashbacks.

So here we have in this chapter a flashback, yet at the same time it is a progression in that we gain a wider understanding of what happened before in chapter 13 about the Beast and his ability to make war and in chapter 14 about the angel's announcement regarding the fall of Babylon. It flashes back to those passages, but then towards the end of the chapter we are carried beyond anything we've had before.



The Lord keeps going back and forth like that, a little further ahead each time, one step backwards, two steps forward, one step backwards. In order to make sure you get it all very



clearly and understand what's happening, He keeps reviewing and repeating a little background, which carries you a little further toward the end of the story.

So this angel was saying, *"Come hither, I will show unto thee the judgement of the great whore."* He's talking to John, *"Come here, I'm going to show you something!"* And the main thing he's going to show is what? *"The judgement of the great Whore."* But now he backs up a lot, explaining who the Whore is and the Beast and all the

things they're going to do; he doesn't really get around to the final judgement of the great Whore until the 18th Chapter.

In other words, the Lord feels that you need to understand the situation before you can understand why she's being judged so severely... because she's to be destroyed in one hour of one day by burning with fire! It still is unclear exactly when this occurs, probably at the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

What does the “*many waters*” represent”? Verse 15 says: “And he saith unto me, *the waters* which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, **are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.**” This whore has been sitting on the people and governments of the world. (Jer.51:13)



REV.17:2 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.

What is "*fornication*" anyhow? Literally, it's an evil form of sex. And in the dictionaries, in the World's terminology, it can include adultery. But when the Lord uses the word, it takes on the symbolic meaning of being in love with some other god than Himself, which is spiritual adultery and the worst kind of fornication. It's being in love with the World and what it contains instead of with Himself. That's what God means by fornication in these chapters.

(See Eze.6:9; Jam.4:4; Psa.106:39; Eze.20:30-32; Jer.3:6-10.)

In this case, the people, merchants and governments of the world have lusted, desired and embraced her materialism and have fallen under her spell, letting her mold, corrupt and pollute their minds and souls.

REV.17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet-coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

REV.17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

REV.17:5 and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

In John the apostle's time, the great Babylonian Empire had left the stage of history some 500 years earlier; the great city Babylon was mostly an abandoned ruin. This Babylon that John was being shown was not the ancient Babylonian Empire but was something far more sinister and enduring. Her identity, at least in John's time, was a mystery!



So, who is this great whore? The **“harlot”** symbolism in this verse personifies the political, economic, social and religious systems of this world. She is a symbol of the biggest false religion of all ages,



materialism! She is the commercial system, materialism, the worship of Mammon! God here is using **“Babylon... the mother of harlots”** as a descriptive term for this great wealthy materialistic commercial System of the modern World.

Ancient Babylon was a great idolatrous wicked, wealthy capital of the

World at one time. But **Revelation 17** is talking about the FINAL Babylon, the final manifestation of the god Mammon or wealth or riches or materialism, which everyone worships except those who love the Lord!

The good woman of chapter 12, the Church, represents all true Christians of whatever faith they may be. The true followers of Christ are represented in that woman, the True Church, the good Woman, the genuine Bride of Christ.

This whore symbolises everything the people love and commit adultery and fornication with – everything but what the good woman, the true Church, stands for. You didn't know you could commit adultery and fornication with money, with temples, with possessions? Some men love their cars more than their wives! Some women love their homes more than their husbands! Many churches love their buildings more than God! So, it's all fornication as far as God's concerned, it's spiritual intercourse with the enemy, and He symbolises it by this foul Whore, an evil woman!

This Whore riding on the Beast is the antitype, therefore, of the Bride of Christ. So, we have two contrasting characterisations here, and each one is a symbol, of course. These are not actual persons, but they were pictures that God was drawing for John, to illustrate in a simple way some very complex realities.





****JER.51:7** *Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore, the nations are mad.*

**** REV.18:3** *For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.*

REV.17:6 And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints**, and with the **blood of the martyrs** of Jesus: and when I saw her, I **wondered with great admiration.**

“Admiration” means an attitude of great wonder, astonishment, even horror! Not admiration in the sense in which we use that English word today. To admire today is to respect, to give credit where credit is due, etc. But he is marvelling, astonished, awestruck with the horror of this monstrous woman! And she is drunken with the blood of the saints. The false religions have always persecuted the true Saints, the true Church throughout history!

REV.2:13; REV.6:9

REV.17:7 And the angel said unto me, wherefore didst thou marvel? **I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast** that carrieth her, which hath the **seven heads and ten horns**.

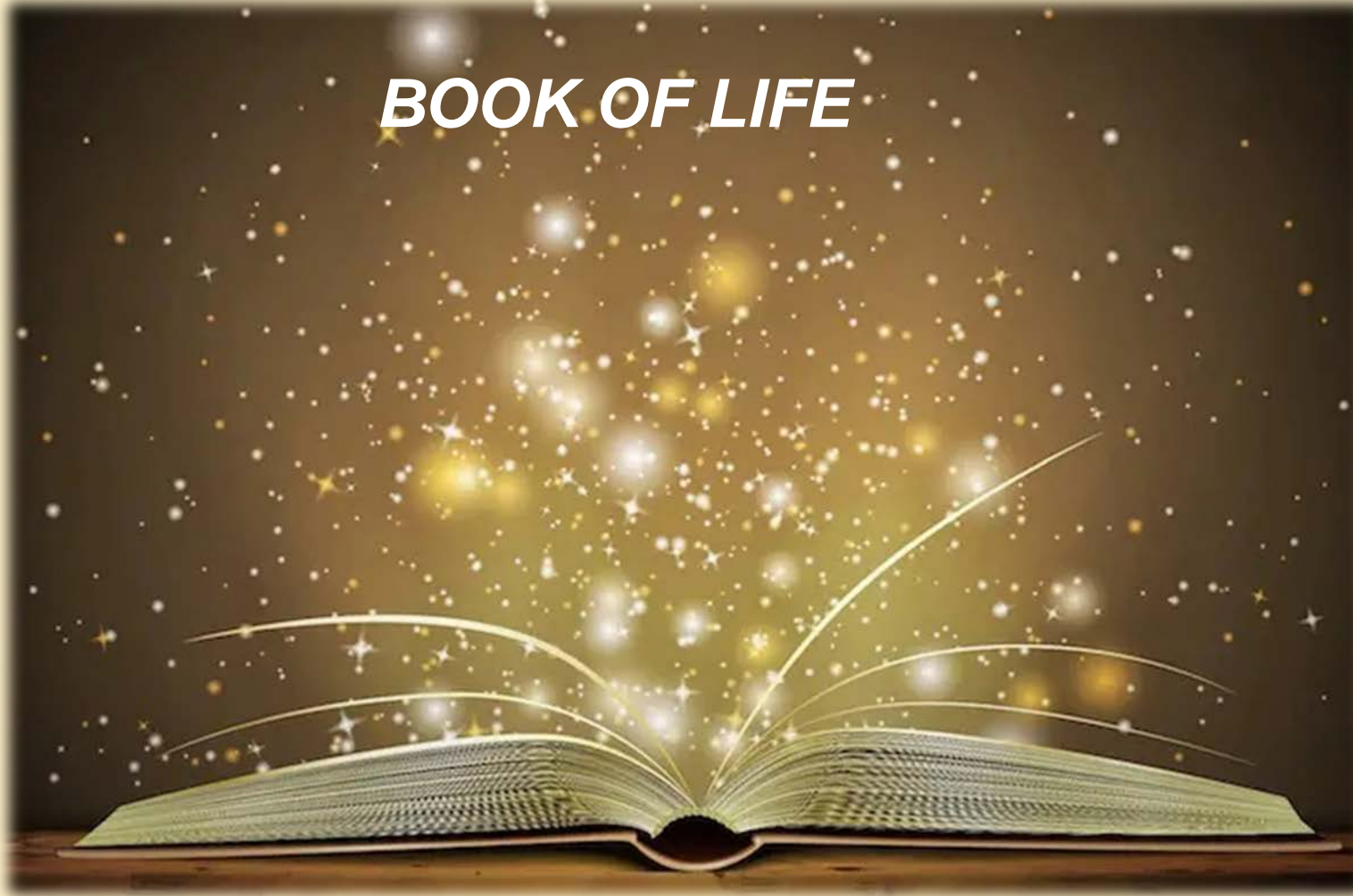
This is, of course, symbolic and not easily interpreted. However, as mentioned before, the important thing to understand is that the final Antichrist and his empire are the ultimate embodiment of the Beast. We won't comprehend every detail and we can't at this moment – but when studying and comparing the scriptures in this and other chapters, a lot about what this vision represents can be understood and we will continue to try to unravel at least some of the mystery here. Have we heard of that Beast before? Isn't that the very same Beast we read about in the 13th Chapter?

**** REV.13:1** *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*



The Beast has existed since the beginning of time! Its first major head was Egypt, remember?

REV.17:8 The beast that thou sawest **was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition:** and they that dwell on the earth **shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life (the unsaved)** from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast **that was, and is not, and yet is.**



Did you get that? Only the people who are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life are going to really wonder and marvel at him in the sense of worship, falling prey to him and receiving his Mark, etc. We who are studying Bible prophecies will know who this beast is, we won't be deceived.

**** REV.11:7** *And when they shall have finished their testimony, **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit** shall make war against them, and shall overcome them...*

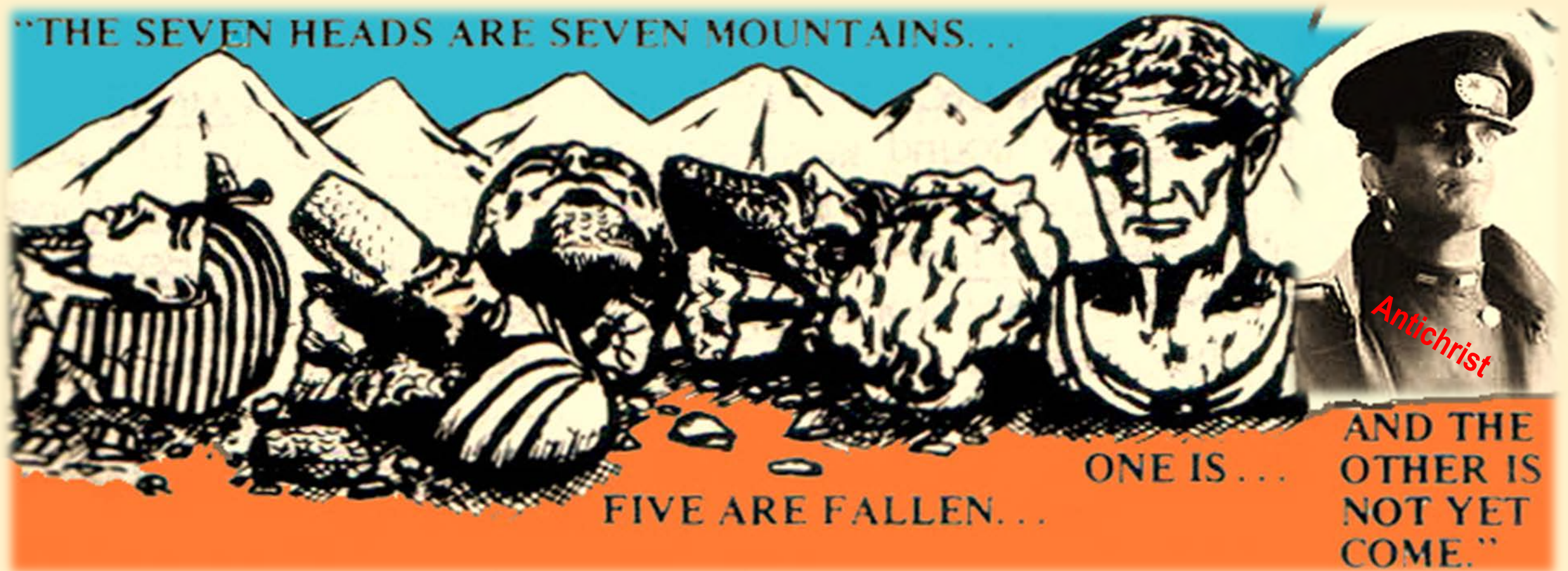
REV.17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

There has been much speculation around this passage. Some have suggested that the seven mountains represent the seven hills of ancient Rome, and hence by inference that Babylon is the Roman Catholic Church that is headquartered on one of those hills, the Vatican. But a close reading equates the seven mountains with seven kings and hence kingdoms.

This Babylon comes riding on the back of the seven-headed Beast, on the back of the seven empires which you will remember are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and finally the Antichrist empire. The Catholic Church wasn't even around during the time of the first five empires, so the Catholic Church is not this Babylon, even though she has been a manifestation of that whore at times, especially during the Middle Age period. This harlot is Mystery Babylon. She is not that readily or easily identified.



REV.17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.



The seven heads are also typified as kings. Literally the original word used here in the Greek is powers, in other words, also symbolising kingdoms, not just the heads of the kingdoms, but kingdoms, World powers. And here he describes specifically the seven great empires who ruled the Mideast and Israel.

" There are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come."



Now that really pinpoints the chronology of this! It couldn't be more specific! It says five are fallen. Five great empires had preceded John's Day: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and when John was being told this, what great Empire was in his time? Rome. So the five that are fallen are all the ones before Rome. The one that was, or as He says, "***one is,***" meaning right then in John's Day was Rome.

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*"And **the other is not yet come**; and when he cometh, he must **continue a short space**."*

--That's obviously the Antichrist Government! It had not yet come in John's Day. Also, the passage specifically identifies it by saying *"he must continue a short space"*. Most of these other Empires lasted for hundreds of years, Rome for a thousand! But when the Antichrist comes, he's only going to last seven years!

Of course, he's had hundreds of years of preparation and actual plotting and planning to bring about his empire. But he's not going to actually start ruling the World until the last seven years.
(Dan.9:27)

Although the Beast with its seven heads symbolises all the governments that have ruled Israel and the Mideast, he is finalised, epitomised and summed up in the final Antichrist government that will conquer, it seems, most of the World. This seventh head (the Antichrist) is on the same body, it has the same nature as all of them. The body in a sense is Satan himself, as we learned in chapter 12 about the Dragon. Each of these heads is just a different manifestation of the Devil's governments and the Devil's hellish systems of the World. And he's the final one, so he's called the Beast. He is the Beast in its fullness, he is the Beast in its final fruition, this final Antichrist. He's the summation of all false governments.

He even has the different characteristics of the different



governments, partly like a leopard and a lion, etc., so that he's a little bit of all of them. (*Dan.7:3-7; Rev.13:2*) So these seven Empires are nothing more than seven manifestations of the same Beast, out of which come these heads.

REV.17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is *the eighth*, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

Very strange statement here, because you notice there's only one Beast, but there are seven heads on this Beast. That has been a most mysterious scripture, it is really quite a mysterious puzzle here, like a conundrum or riddle. Again, we don't have to understand every detail at this time. Following are two possible interpretations:



1) A passage in Revelation 13 suggests that the Antichrist (the seventh head) gets mortally wounded somehow:

**** Rev.13:3** *And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

And in later on this same chapter 13 verses 12-14 we read that the Antichrist has a false prophet who “causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the ... Beast [the Antichrist], whose deadly wound was healed ... telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to *the Beast who was wounded by the sword and lived*”



This assassination attempt on the Antichrist seems to be the pivotal moment in his satanic career. A ***“deadly wound”*** is one that you die from. If he doesn’t die from it, it cannot be said he was ***“wounded to death”***. This ***“head,”*** in other words, is definitely dead. The Antichrist has been killed. End of story? No! He comes back from the dead. His ***“healing”*** is such a ***“miracle”*** that ***“all the world marvels.”***

Verse 8 stated that ***“those who dwell on the earth will marvel ... when they see the Beast that was, and is not, and yet is.”***

This Beast of Revelation has only seven heads. So where does this eighth one pop up from? Somehow an eighth personality has entered the equation. When the Antichrist first rises to power and confirms the seven-year Covenant, he is a man and the head of the seventh great empire. (*Dan.9:27*)



But he is not yet really completely anti-Christ; he hasn't yet been fully possessed of the Devil. But at some point, during his rule, most likely three and a half years after confirming the

Covenant, he is killed and resuscitated. This “*resurrection*” would serve as his credentials to divinity. That could be when...*the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God*” (2 The.2:3-4).

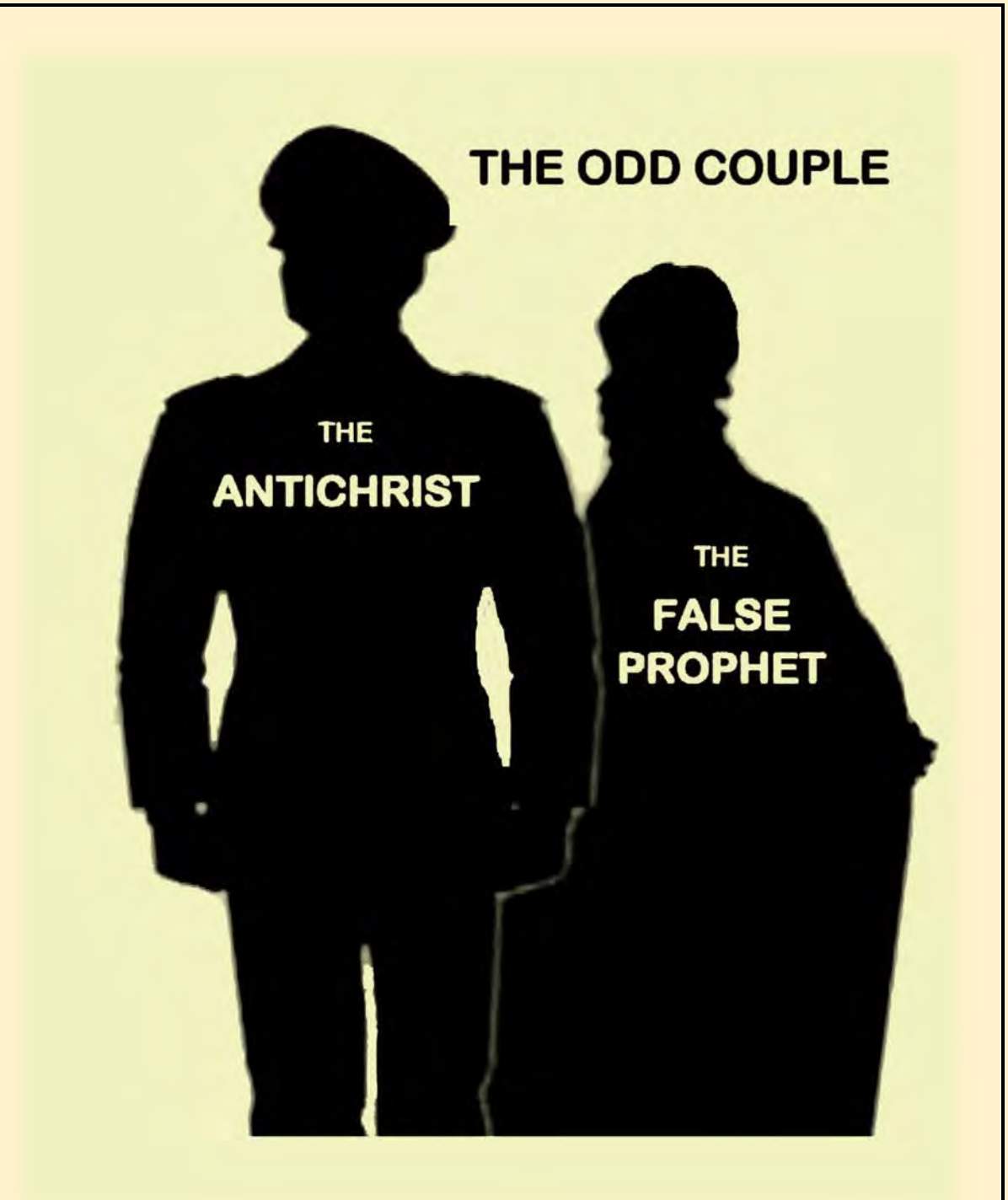
It seems that it is at this time that the Antichrist becomes possessed completely by Satan. He looks like the very same man, the seventh head, only he is now the eighth, the Devil himself. At this point, his behavior changes for the worst. And that would explain this change and why suddenly he breaks the Covenant, profanes the altar, places the Abomination of Desolation, the Image of the Beast and causes himself to be worshipped--which sound like the Devil all the way through!

...and goeth into perdition.

**** 2TH.2:8** And then shall *that Wicked be revealed*, whom the Lord **shall consume** with the spirit of his mouth, and **shall destroy** with the brightness of his coming.

2) Another possible solution to this 8th Head/Beast mystery: Revelation chapter 13 pictures two Beasts – one from the “sea”, the Antichrist, and one from the “earth”, the False Prophet. These two collaborate, and together they rule the world in its final days. The Sea-Beast resembles the other Beasts of history – a warlike empire with a strong leader. The Earth-Beast is different and takes care of the economic administration of the world; he also becomes its guiding religious influence, chiefly by promoting worship of the Antichrist. If the Sea-Beast (Antichrist) is regarded as the 7th Head of the Beast, then the other Earth-Beast (False Prophet) could be that mysterious 8th Head who is attached to the 7th Head by virtue of the fact that they work closely together.

Interestingly, both 7th and 8th Heads/Beasts are pictured as going “*into perdition*” (v.11), which seems to identify them with the Beast and the False Prophet who also are pictured as going into perdition, only it’s worded as being sent to the “*lake of fire*”.



**** REV.19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Rev.20:10)**

Don't miss part 2 of this chapter 17 of Revelation as we will explore the identity of the 10 horn-nations on the Beast's head.



You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says:

“Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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MYSTERY!-- BABYLON THE GREAT WHORE!



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REV.17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

REV.17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Because these ten kings, kingdoms or powers had *"received no kingdom as yet"* during John's Day, at the time of the 6th head, the Roman Empire, it's obvious that these *"ten horns"* are all on the final seventh head, the Antichrist! *"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the Beast."*

In the Book of Daniel, these same 10 powers who will cooperate with and help put the Antichrist into power are described in further detail in *Daniel 2:34, 41-43 and Daniel 7:7, 8, 20-24.*



REV.17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

These horns are the ten rulers and/or nations that unite with the Antichrist, and are the core of his empire, who, along with the Beast, even go so far as to make war against Jesus Christ, the King of kings, and do so by initially persecuting those who believe in Jesus, and finally try to take on Jesus Himself in the Battle of Armageddon. The good news and happy ending is that the **“Lamb”**, Jesus, wins and overcomes them!!!
(Rev.12:11; 19:19-21)



Empire in the last days with ten nations who give their power to the final Antichrist Roman-like dictator. It's sort of a continuation of Rome, such as the iron which continues from the legs on into the feet and the toes of Daniel's chapter 2 Image:

*"His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. And the fourth kingdom (**Rome**) shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest **the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron**, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. **And in the days of these kings (ten toes)** shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom, **which shall never be destroyed**: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and **it shall stand for ever!**"*
(Dan.2:33, 40, 41, 44)



In chapter 7 of the book that bears his name, Daniel had a vision of four beasts. Similar to the heads on the Beast in Revelation, these beasts represent empires that dominated Israel. In that chapter the first three beasts represent Babylon, Persia, and the Empire of Alexander the Great. The fourth kingdom, a monstrous beast, represents the empire of Rome:

**** Dan.7:7, 8, 21, 22** *“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, **a fourth beast**, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge **iron teeth**... **and it had ten horns**. I was considering the horns, **and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them**, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn (**the Antichrist**) the **eyes of a man**, and a **mouth speaking pompous words**. I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the **beast was slain**, and its body destroyed and **given to the burning flame**.”*





How many horns did the fourth Beast there in Daniel 7 have? --Ten! How about the final seventh head of the Beast of this chapter, how many horns did it have? --Ten! Each of these has ten. The ten toes in Daniel 2 symbolise the same thing that the ten horns from Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and 17 symbolise. --Ten final kings or nations or powers of the End time Antichrist Empire, which may come from the remains of the ancient Roman Empire. Many of the nations of modern Europe were part of the Roman Empire. Could the European Union be a precursor of the core of the Antichrist Empire of the future who ***“will give their power and strength to the Beast?”*** It is still unclear but as we advance into these last days, we will understand more.

“...are called, and chosen, and faithful” Are you called? Why were you chosen? Because He knew you were going to choose Him! Before the foundation of the Earth, He knew who was going to choose Him and who wasn't. So that's why you were chosen!

REV.17:15 And he saith unto me, **the waters** which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are **peoples**, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. (See also **Isaiah 17:12-13**, **Jer.51:12c-13**)

REV.17:16 And the **ten horns** which thou sawest upon the beast, **these shall hate the whore**, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

REV.17:17 For **God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will**, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the **beast**, until the words of **God shall be fulfilled**.

It is God Who has put this in the hearts of these kings both to serve the Beast, the Antichrist, and work with him, and to destroy the Whore. -- This is a part of the judgements of God! The Beast and his ten kings devour her, pitch into her, burn her with fire and destroy her!



This great harlot sits on all the peoples of the world and rides these empires like a mistress, as though she was their owner. And indeed, she is. What or who has pulled the strings and dominated every empire? —those who controlled the financial and commercial interests. Further ahead we learn about this Harlot empire, *“Thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”* (Rev.18:23)

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thy sorceries were all nations deceived.”

(Rev.18:23)

The intoxicating wine that she serves to the nations can be summed up as materialism, defined in this case as the devotion to material wealth and possessions at the expense of spiritual or intellectual values. Isn't a big, gaudy, decadent whore who throughout all ages oppresses all with her extravagances and abominations a fitting symbolism of the power of materialism?

But finally, the Beast itself has had enough of carrying this harlot. So, this last head of the Beast, with his ten horns, the Antichrist Empire, turns on her with hatred and vengeance, leaves her desolate and naked, and burns her with fire. In the first three-and-a-half years of his seven-year reign, the Antichrist cooperates with Babylon, the whore.

But then he turns on her, his only competition, and destroys her! He will destroy the World Materialistic System and demand a new religion - worship of HIMSELF as God! --The Devil in the flesh, the Devil incarnate! He will say, *"I am God! Stop worshipping all these things, all these religions! Stop worshipping wealth and the capitalist system, I am God! Stop worshipping this Harlot of materialism you've always worshipped! From now on, I am God, worship me!"* So, he destroys her, so they'll only worship him! But how will they do that? How do they attack a spiritual entity? Because she is not just a spiritual entity. The next verse goes on to explain:



REV.17:18 And the **woman** which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

**** ZEP.3:1-2** Woe to her **that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!** She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

**** NAH.3:1** Woe to the **bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery;** the prey departeth not;

**** NAH.3:4-6** Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. Behold, **I am against thee**, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and **I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.** And I will cast **abominable filth upon thee**, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing stock.



A thought: Materialism is at the core of the profit-driven system that dominates the economies and nations of today. If we look around us, there is no single place today that epitomizes the devotion to material wealth and possessions more than the United States. And if there is any one great city of the USA that reigns financially over the kings of the earth, it is New York.



Since the implementation of the Bretton Woods monetary system at the close of WW2, the US strengthened its dollar-based economic control over the nations via the IMF and World Bank. Most currencies ceased to be linked to precious metals during the 20th century when the U.S. abandoned the gold standard. In the aftermath of WW2, with much of Europe and Asia bankrupt, the U.S. dollar had become a universal medium of exchange. Then in the 1970's,

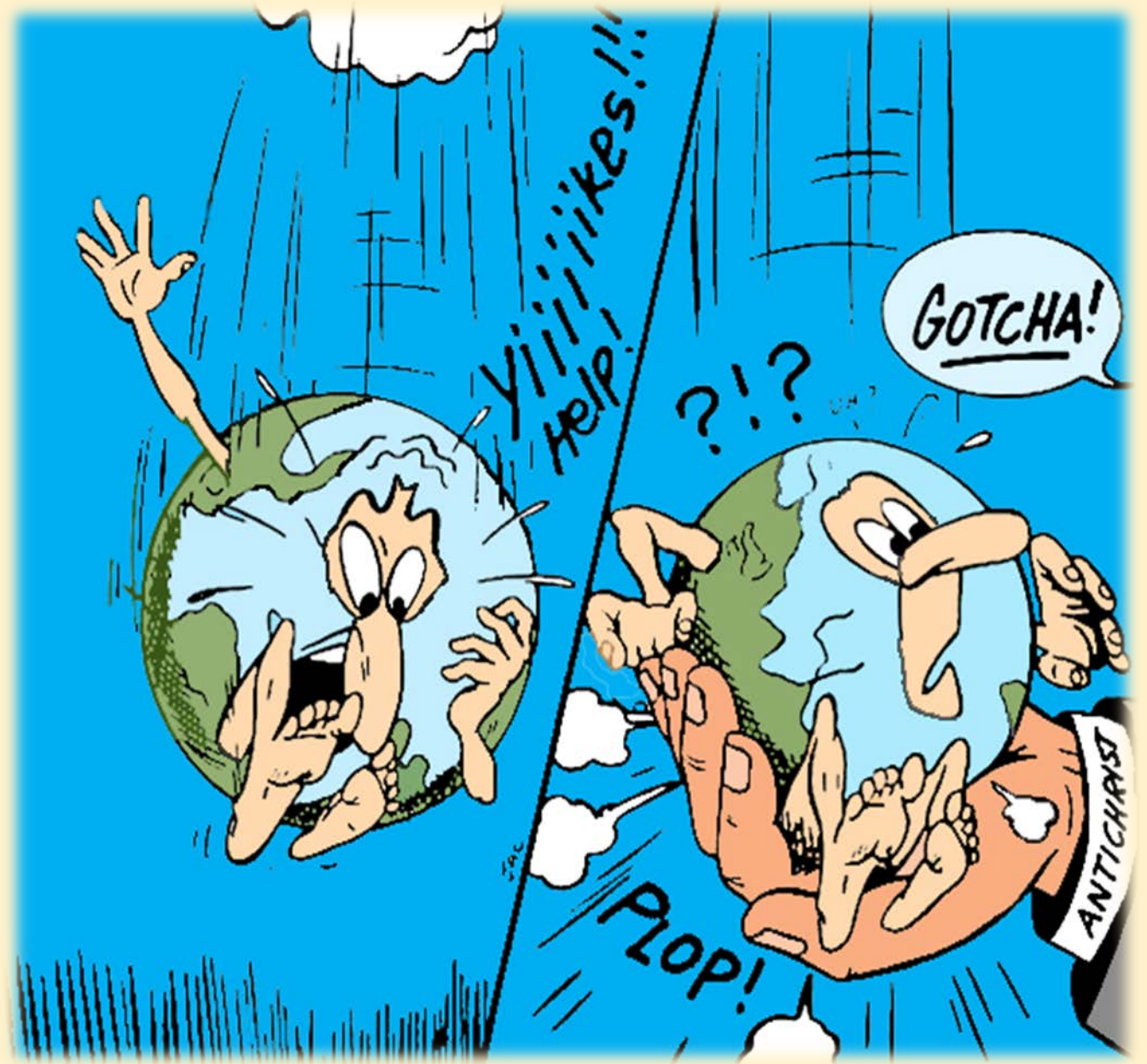
after abandoning the gold standard, a deal was made to ensure that oil be purchased in dollars. That agreement allowed the dollar to continue as the primary currency that countries use for holding their reserves. America said that the world should regard their dollar as being "*as good as gold.*" <http://lexicon.ft.com/Term?term=Bretton-Woods>



With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the US continued without restraint, to increase both her economic control and military dominance in its drive toward global supremacy. If America's financial centers were incapacitated, the world's capitalistic, materialistic system would be shattered. While the United States and New York are perhaps only the latest and most apparent manifestations of the materialistic mistress that ruled the empires of man, nevertheless their collapse could fulfill this vision of Babylon being destroyed in one hour. This will be explained with more detail in the next chapter of *Revelation 18*.

Some afterthoughts:

This is a time of major changes, and we are moving toward the events that the Bible foretells must come to pass. The speed with which things progress will be determined by choices made, the decisions of common people, the decisions of leaders and countries around the world, the decisions of those who are pulling the strings and preparing the way for the Antichrist, but the world is nonetheless moving forward toward the events of the End. The economic situation is one very major way that the world is being prepared for the rise of the Antichrist and the End time events that are to come. And being able to see and understand the situation clearly will be a big asset for the future. The time is coming when a greater economic depression will hit the world, an even greater downturn in economic activity, because the Antichrist wants to consolidate as much power into his hands as he can. And one step toward doing that is a complete revamp of the financial system.





Many people have scoffed, thinking that the world could never change so quickly, that one man could never come to power in an instant, that the End could not come so soon. Well, the world has changed drastically in the matter of a few months several times in recent history: the Berlin Wall's fall and the collapse of the Soviet Union were major world changing events.

Or remember when we woke up one morning with the 9/11 tragedy and witnessed the subsequent rapid loss of personal liberty and privacy?

Likewise, when the 2008 crash occurred and a financial crisis spread through the entire banking structure of the West and affected just about everyone on the planet? The same or even more so with the recent pandemic when we were told over and over again that we were entering a “*new normal*”. And it could change far more in another few months or years. (In fact, that is happening right now in Europe with the war in Ukraine).

The Antichrist could come to power very rapidly once conditions are right, and when that happens, the timetable will be set. So, the events that begin the last seven years could come to pass very quickly, once it is time.



God has always taken care of His Own, and always will, as we stay close to Him. He can keep us in the midst of anything and everything. Even if the world is a mess and in confusion, we can



dwell in the secret place (*Psalms 91*). One thing is certain, we're living in exciting times, and we have the best guarantee in the world: the Lord's promise of care and leading, and also insight and revelation into what is happening, as we need it. We can be encouraged that things are getting worse in the world, because it means we're getting closer to the End Time events which must transpire before Jesus can come back and make everything right.

***** LUK.21:28, 31 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.***

You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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REVELATION CHAPTER 18 PART 1

Babylon the Great!

Basic Study of Revelation
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If you have missed the previous chapters and you don't understand what "*Babylon*" means, then know that this term refers not just to the ancient city. Babylon of old, however, was the prime example of the "*Babylon*" of all ages, including the great World City Commercial System of today, with all its wealth, money, riches and materialism -- the religion of the World, the worship of things and not God! That is the version of Babylon about which the Lord is talking here. But of course, Babylon is used as the symbol and symbolic name for all other Babylons and World Systems ever since the Beginning of human history to the End!



In addition to “**Babylon**”, there is another rival empire known as the “**Beast**”, headed by one who is known as the Antichrist. He is like Satan in the flesh, and having come into power, this Devil-man decides he no longer needs Babylon, the End Time version of this great commercial, Capitalistic City System, so he destroys her! It sounds like she is destroyed in an atomic war! Remember, by the way, this is a flashback. Chapter 16 described the period of Wrath after the Return of Christ. But here in chapters 17-18 we're back in the period of the Tribulation and the Antichrist's rule prior to the Coming of Christ.

REV.18:1 And after these things I saw **another angel** come down from heaven, **having great power**; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

REV.18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen**, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. (Jer.51:37)

**** ISA.21:9** And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen**; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. (Jer.51:8)

We're going to see what the Antichrist does to the Great Whore, he and his ten kings who turn upon her, devour her with fire and destroy her! (Rev.17:12, 13, 16-17) --She who made western nations rich and powerful, while riding on the backs of all nations as if she were a queen, saying, **"I shall see no sorrow!"**. (v.7) Here at last she is devastated by the kings she once tried to rule over! She who was a king-maker, she who was an Empire-ruler, the Empress of all false religion and worship including materialism, is finally destroyed by the forces of the Antichrist, who then demands that **"religion"** be abolished. Of course, he is happy to permit the world to indulge in the secular adulation (worship) of himself as the World's new god. There will no longer be any other religion allowed or any other worship but that of Satan's Devil-man!

**** DAN.11:36** *And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.*



**"No more religions...
worship me only!"**

The fall of Babylon the Whore is such a tremendous event that God devotes this whole extra chapter to it, a fairly long one, to describe how she is finally destroyed, how this empire's cities, its banks, office-buildings and temples of worship are totally destroyed, wiped out! Very suddenly...very quick... He says, in a day, in one hour! All the great riches are destroyed!



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She is totally ravaged! -not by God, but it was ordained by God. As she has used and oppressed the nations, now the Beast uses her to gain power and to become the dictator of the World. God allows the Antichrist to rise up as His judgment against the *Harlot* empire.

And then having attained supreme power, the Antichrist will finally have what he wants. The Devil has finally accomplished his purpose. He no longer needs the Whore, the World Money System and its materialistic worship. Now he is going to demand not just the worship of things--which he has persuaded man to worship for thousands of years— but from then on, he demands also the worship of himself (in the person of the Antichrist), something he always wanted to be--God himself!

He tried before to steal the position of God in Heaven! But, of course, he was nothing compared to God, and so God forced him out of power completely, and finally he is cast out down to the Earth at the time of the Great Tribulation to tribulate and trouble the World.

(Isa.14:12-16; Rev.12:9; Eze.28:13-19)





Satan declares the worship of himself to be the only legal “*religion*” and insists that everyone worship the Beast (the Antichrist) and his Image, or be killed. And he requires everyone to bear his name (his Mark) in their foreheads or hands, or starve to death, because of being unable to buy or sell. Now he rules supreme as the god of this World! (*Rev.13:14-18*)

REV.18:3 For **all nations** have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and **the kings of the earth** have **committed fornication with her**, and **the merchants** of the earth **are waxed rich** through the abundance of her delicacies.

Observe that **“all”** the nations in the world, throughout history and in the present time, have **“drunk”** of this **“fornication.”** The **“kings”** and their nations and the **“merchants”** who are in them, acquire great wealth through the **“harlot”** of these verses. Those who place material advantage first will often acquire much, but the goods and money obtained will be lost, because the power behind the



systems of this world will be destroyed, **“for the Lord God who judges her is strong”** (v. 8). Place your trust in the Lord now, or otherwise, you will lose – everything!

REV.18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **come out of her, my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and **that ye receive not of her plagues**.



**** 2CO.6:17** Wherefore **come out from among them, and be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you.

**** JER.51:6, 45** Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: **be not cut off in her iniquity**; for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; **he will render unto her a recompense...** (Is.52:11; Is.48:20; Gen.19:12-13)

The Lord warns His children not to get tangled up with Babylon, this great whore of Mammon-worship and materialism, calling them to **"Come out of her, My people..."** But her hold is so strong on the souls of men. **"The deceitfulness of riches,"** as Jesus called it, is such a strong, addictive delusion, that even many Christians today are tempted and some fall for the great god Mammon!

**** MAT.13:22** He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and **the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches**, choke the word, and **he becometh unfruitful**.

Jesus Christ Himself said, "**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. **Ye cannot serve God and Mammon!**"

(Mat.6:24) According to the dictionary, "**Mammon**" literally means "**material wealth**," money, material things. So, Jesus was saying that you can't serve God and material things at the same time--you cannot work for both! You'll wind up working for either one or the other! It is not that there's anything wrong with money, riches or wealth. It all depends on whether you own the money, or the money owns you! It's your attitude toward it. It all depends on how the money is used. Whether the money or the wealth is using you, or whether you are using the wealth – sharing it and using it for the benefit of others! "**By her sorceries were all nations deceived.**" (V. 23).





Have you *come out of her*? --Or are you a slave to the false gods of this World? "*Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also!*" (Mat.6:21) *Where's your treasure?* Do you love this World and the things of this World? If so, the love of God is not in you! (1John 2:15) But if you are sick of this world's empty materialism, monotonous Mammon worship, selfish soul-slavery and are seeking better, more lasting, meaningful and eternal values in life, then you can find real satisfaction in Jesus!

**** HEB.11:24-26** *By faith Moses, when he was grown up, denied himself to be the son of Pharaoh's daughter; rather choosing to be afflicted with the people of God, than to have the pleasure of sin for a time, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasure of the Egyptians. For he looked unto the reward.*

REV.18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

We humans forget from one generation to the next the events that preceded us. But God remembers. And the whore has a long list of crimes to account for. This chapter 18 is a strong indictment against the Harlot empire.

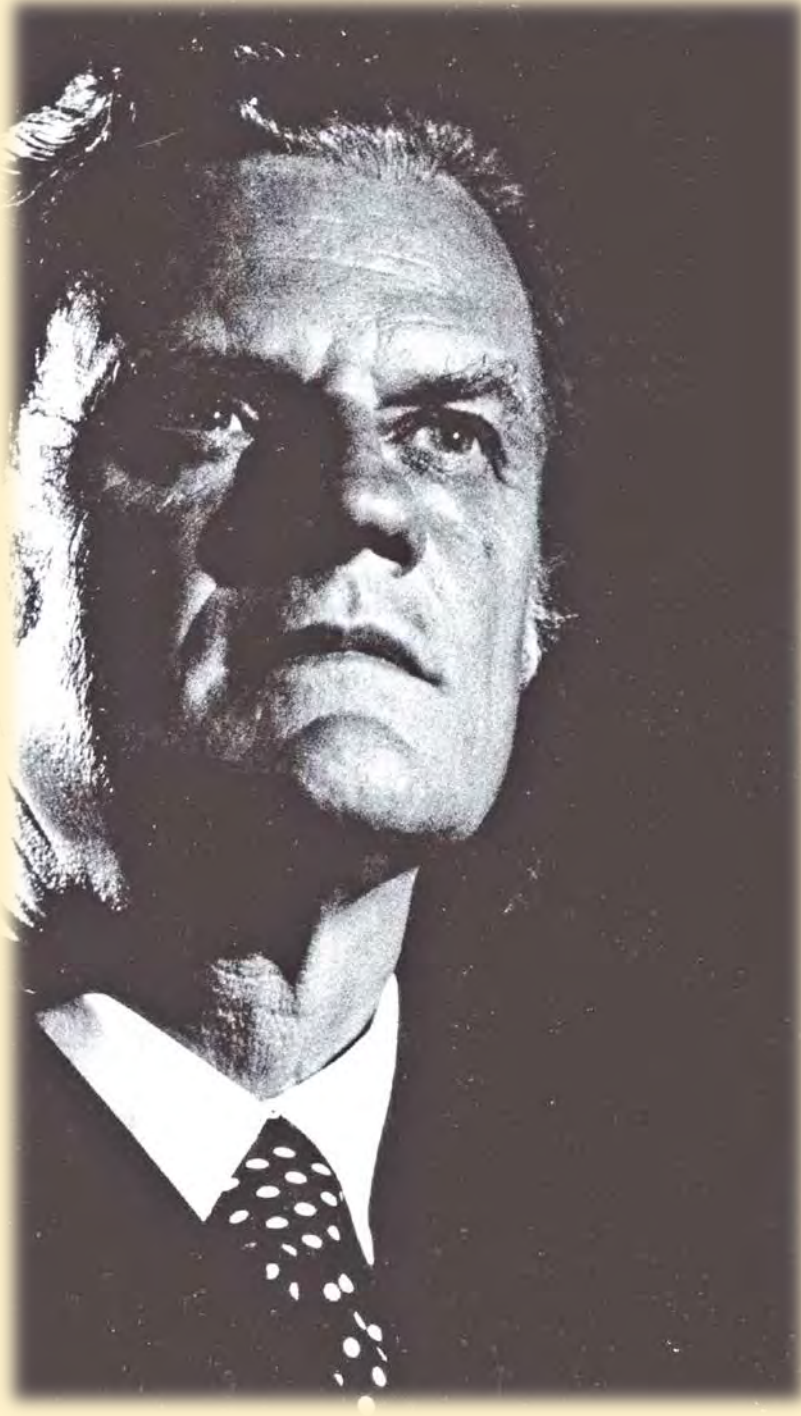
REV.18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.



**** JER.50:29 ...recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.**

REV.18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and **lived deliciously**, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, **I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.**

REV.18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in **one day**, death, mourning and famine; and she shall be utterly **burned with fire**: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.



Possible interpretation: Could America be the final manifestation of the commercial Babylon? God calls His people to come out of her, so that must mean that there are some and probably many in her. There are millions of Christians and other God-loving people in America, but as Billy Graham and others have said, if God doesn't judge America for her sins, He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.

What nation today is the choice marketplace of the earth where all other nations wish to sell their wares, and that has a trade deficit in the billions of dollars with many of them? That is billions flowing to these countries, and in particular to their merchants. There is one nation that clearly stands out above all others in this way: the United States of America, a great country, which once was righteous, but now is a country that worships violence, material things, money, war and nearly everything that's evil!

They are creators and exporters of evil. It is hard to appreciate how global America's corrupting influence is until you live overseas. Everywhere you go, American culture is desired and imported. The violent, carnal and depraved themes of American TV, movies, music, and pornography reaches nearly everywhere, even before the Internet was invented which now has only made it worse. America is imitated like no other nation and therefore, more responsible and accountable. She is in line to receive judgement because of her bad influence and negative portrayal of Christianity before the world.



Whether or not America is the literal Babylon of the End Time, certainly it can be said that she is a striking example and bears a remarkable resemblance to her. So “if the shoe fits wear it”, as the saying goes. But it is not just in America where “*the Great Harlot*” flourishes. It symbolizes also a worldwide entity.



But the USA could unfortunately be the final inheritor of all that Babylon, the corrupt, materialistic, mammon-worshiping system that God pictures as a vain, decadent whore, has done since it started riding on the world’s empires.



Of course, this Whore, the great world commercial system of idolatry, has always been in existence, as an in-depth study of the previous Chapter 17 revealed. The Whore has always ridden the back of the Beast and its various heads and controlled and influenced the World powers and empires of history. Ancient cities like Nineveh, Tyre, ancient Babylon, Rome and others have all been *“the bad woman”* of their day, but it seems that today's modern commercial system, led of course by America, is the epitome of this Great Whore of Revelation, and could be its ultimate fulfilment!



Again, the “*harlot*” that we have been looking at in these verses, is a collective entity, a “*person*” that consists of many people, and “*she*” also represents the demonic system that is behind much of the trouble on this earth. “*She*” regards herself as a “*queen*” – “*She*” is obsessed with herself and regards herself highly. Note her statement, “*I am not a widow*,” indicating “*her*” denial that sorrow will come to her. “*She*” continues, “*and shall see no sorrow*”:

**** ZEP.2:15** *This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in!*

**** ISA.47:7-9** *And thou said, I shall be a lady for ever... Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.*

Be sure not to miss part 2 of this chapter which will be all about the fall of Babylon the Great!

You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says:

“Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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REV.18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

The end of the Capitalist world system is viewed from a different perspective in verses 9 through 19

This segment takes a look at the grief of those who will miss that system and long for the luxuries it shares with those who embrace it. These verses speak of economic collapse.

REV.18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come.

REV.18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; **for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:**

REV.18:12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

REV.18:13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.



REV.18:14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

REV.18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

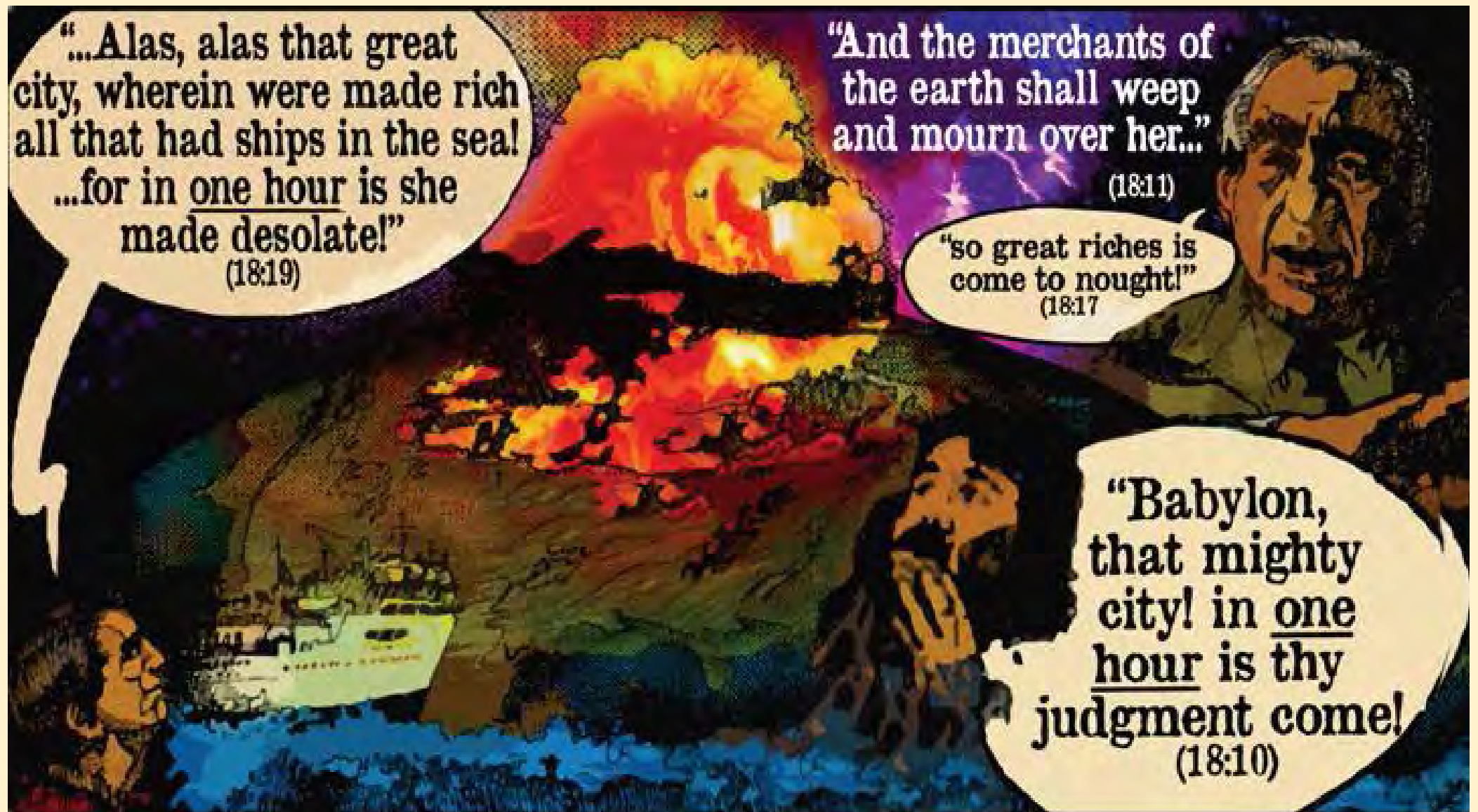


**** EZE.26:16-17** ...they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee. And they shall **take up a lamentation for thee**, and say to thee, **how art thou destroyed**, that was inhabited of seafaring men, **the renowned city**, which was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it! (also Eze.27:27-36)

In verse 15, of course, it's the merchants themselves, the buyers and sellers of raw and finished materials, who will be knocked right out of business by the economic cataclysm that is to come. The transporters of these goods will also be "*hit*", as we will also see in verse 17.

REV.18:16 And saying, **alas, alas that great city**, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

REV.18:17
For in **one hour** so great riches is come to nought. And **every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off.**



It's going to happen very fast when it comes. That's one good thing about this war, when it finally comes to a climax it's going to be over in a hurry! --It's only going to last a day, and the worst will be over in one hour! God's Word says so! In one day all these catastrophes will come upon them and the merchants of the World will lament that so great riches are destroyed! They will stand afar off and watch the burning of Babylon, the Capitalistic World! God is going to make



short shrift of her in a sudden deadly blow that will almost totally destroy her with fire! -- Sure sounds like an atomic first strike, which might explain why they are *“standing afar off for the fear of her torment.”* Could that be what the angel was showing John?

**** ISA.29:4-5** *And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust...and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. Moreover, the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones*

shall be as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

This sudden fiery destruction of the Babylon Whore by the Antichrist seems to fit in with the **"god of forces" verse in Daniel chapter 11:38:**

*"But in his estate shall he (**the Antichrist**) honour the **god of forces**: and a **god whom his fathers knew not** shall he honour..."*

"The god of forces"! Now, Bible students and theologians have been puzzled over this expression for a long time, wondering just what this "god of forces" is. What are the superpowers spending more money on today than anything else? --Power, forces, military power, defense, atom bombs, hydrogen bombs, missiles, etc.! Well, when you spend most of your money on something, that begins to be your god! Now what forces did his fathers know not? If you go only one generation back, his fathers already knew about guns, planes, tanks and that sort of thing. Could the atomic power that his fathers knew not be the "god of forces"? The only kind of new power in the World today which wasn't known a generation ago is atomic power.



REV.18:18 And cried when they saw the **smoke of her burning**, saying, **what city is like unto this great city!**

It is so hard to lose – everything! And yet, this **“city,”** which is a representation of all that is in this world, everything that we look to for sustenance, is going to end!



“What city is like the great city?” they will call out. And the answer is: There is another city called the **“holy city,”** the **“New Jerusalem,”** which we will glimpse in Revelation chapters 21 and 22. That **“city”** is more than a place; it is also a parable of the people of God. We see **“her”** in **Revelation 21:9-10**, where it is also called **“The bride, the Lamb’s wife.”** To become a part of that better city, give up trusting in this world and place your faith in the Lamb, the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

**** HEB.11:8, 10** *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. For he looked for a city which hath*

foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

REV.18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, **Alas, alas that great city**, wherein **were made rich all that had ships in the sea** by reason of her costliness! For in one hour is she made desolate.

REV.18:20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for **God hath avenged you on her**.

So as the merchants and businessmen of other nations mourn their lost markets, and therefore their lost wealth, the angel tells all Heaven, the apostles and the prophets included, to rejoice, for they are avenged. The U.S. itself hasn't persecuted all these. In fact, in many instances it has championed religious freedom and tolerance. It is not all Americans, or just America, that will get judged. Eventually, the entire anti-God, materialistic, soul-enslaving system that has existed down through the ages will be destroyed and done away with forever.



REV.18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, **thus with violence** shall that great city **Babylon** be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. *(see also Jer.51:63-64)*



Being treated as she deserved to be treated and as she treated others! With violence she has destroyed many, with violence she destroyed nations and empires, whole countries, whole peoples with her horrible, hellish wars and hell-bombs!

REV.18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, **shall be heard no more at all in thee**; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

REV.18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: **for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.**

REV.18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

**** NAH.3:4** *Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.*

Thus perishes the false Bride, the false Wife, the imitation Bride who is nothing but a whore for the kings of this Earth who have lived deliciously with her in luxury and wealth and have promoted and carried her upon their backs and their necks to great power and glory!





This Witch who practiced her witchcraft and sorcery to deceive man, to deceive all the World to follow her corruption is finally brought down. Because of her bad example and oppressive policies, the world will be driven off into joining the upcoming new world order of the Antichrist and False Prophet Beasts.

May God destroy them that destroy the earth! (*Rev.11:18*) --They who pollute the Earth with their money, their music and their movies! They're polluting the whole World with their religion of kill, kill, and kill for money! My God, deliver us! --And He soon will!

**** *GAL.6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man (or nation) soweth, that shall he also reap.***

**** *PSA.9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell...all the nations that forget God.***

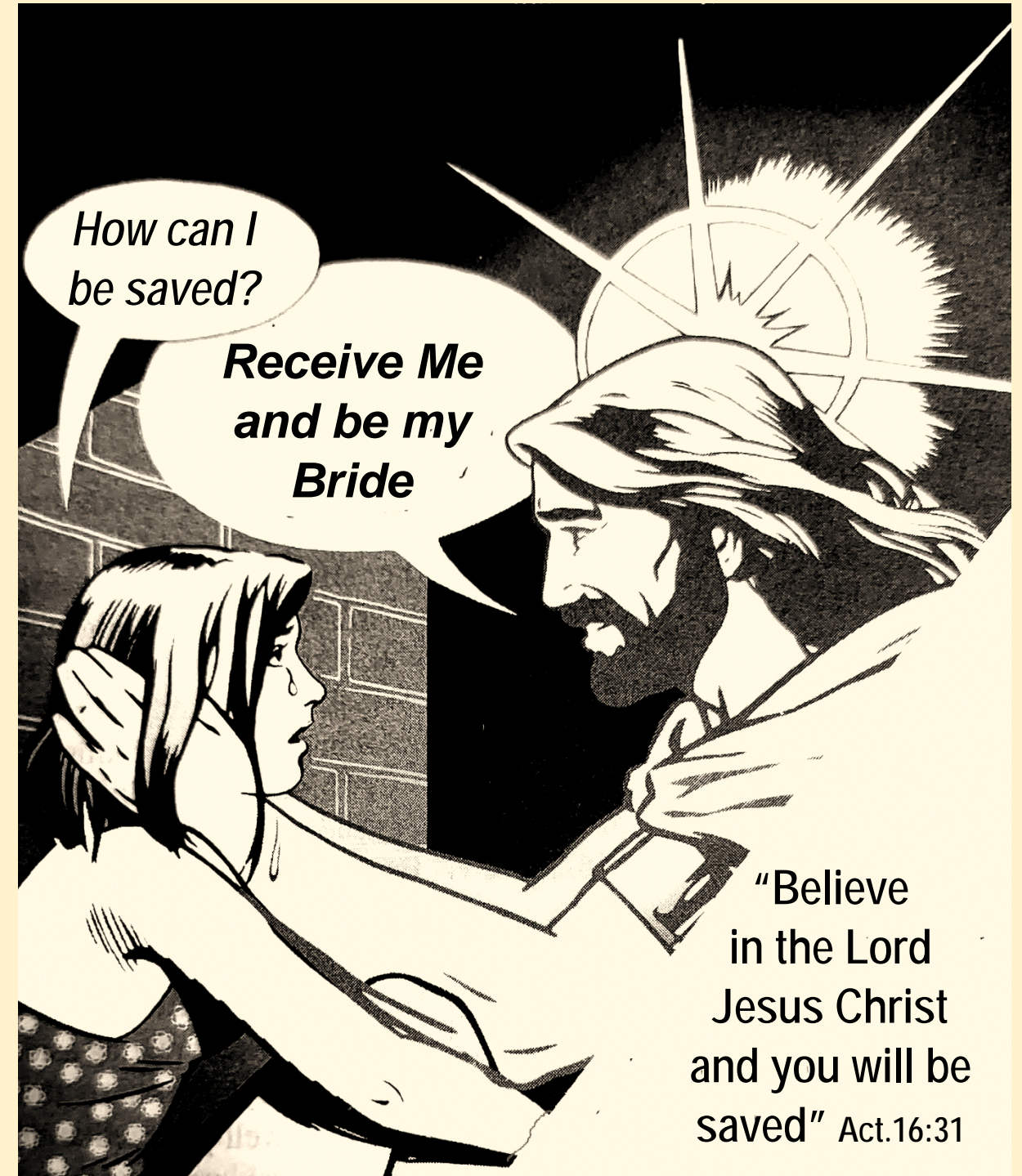
So when does this happen? Obviously the Antichrist and his ten kings will be in power at this time, so it seems like it happens during their reign, perhaps at the mid-point of the last seven years, or toward the end of the Tribulation. Guessing at the timing is just hypothesis for now.

You can be part of the true Bride of Christ by receiving Him at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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The Marriage of the Lamb (Verses 1 – 10)

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This chapter is one of the most dramatic in all the Bible. In it, the Church, the Bride of Christ, is the guest of honor at the marriage of the Lamb in Heaven (v.1-10). Then the Bride is seen returning to Earth, riding with Christ to fight in the battle of Armageddon (v.11-21). It is the only chapter in the New Testament where this word "*Alleluia*" is found, and it appears four times. This opening scene incorporates all believers, the Old and New Testament saints as well as the Tribulation saints. Together they join this great chorus proclaiming "*Alleluia!*"

Now, although this Chapter doesn't mention anything about the Rapture, obviously the Rapture has already occurred because many people are in Heaven. There are oodles of people there, and they're celebrating the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. You couldn't have that without the Bride, could you?



REV.19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, **Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:**

**** 1CHR.29:11** *Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; **thine is the kingdom, O LORD,** and thou art exalted as head above all.*

REV.19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

**** DEU.32:43** *Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for **he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries,** and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.*

**** REV.6:10** *And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?***

The Bible says that God is love. (1 John 4:8) The Bible also says that God exercises wrath. (Co.3:5, 6; Rev. 15:1)

Both of these features may be found in God's character, and it is sometimes difficult to reconcile these two attributes. So, let us just say here that there is a perfect balance between God's love and God's wrath. Most people welcome and understand God's love. But what about

God's wrath? If the Bible teaches anything about God's wrath, it reveals that God takes action when a majority of people violate His laws and do evil. The Bible speaks of the flood in Noah's day, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the destruction of old Jerusalem twice and in the previous chapters 17 and 18, the devastation of Babylon the Great Whore. A lot more could be said about this subject but in order to keep this class short, let us just say that *“true and righteous are his judgments”*. (Ps 19:9, Gen.6:5-8; 18:20-21; 19:13; Jer.25:8-11; Mt.23:37; 1Thes.2:16)



Of course, there will always be those who think that God is being too mean, while others will complain over why God didn't act sooner.



**** Jer.9:22-23** *Thus says God: Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glories, glory in this: **that he understands and knows Me, and that I am God, Who practices mercy, justice and righteousness on the earth; for in these things I delight, says God.***"

REV.19:3 And again they said, **Alleluia** and her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

REV.19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; **Alleluia.**

REV.19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, **Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.**

**** PSA.150:6** *Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.*



*...for the Lord God
omnipotent reigneth!*

REV.19:6 And I heard as it were **the voice of a great multitude**, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, **Alleluia**: for the **Lord God omnipotent reigneth**.

**** REV.11:15** *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.** And the four and twenty elders...worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; **because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.** And **the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come**, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and **that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.***

Everybody's shouting Hallelujah! If you're in Heaven when all this is going on, you're going to be shouting Hallelujah, when you see what's happening on Earth. ***"For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!"*** Hallelujah!

Who is taking over? Who's going to reign now? God is going to reign! Here the ***Whore*** empire Babylon has been destroyed, and now God is about to pour out His judgment on the final empire of the Beast. As for God's children, we will be celebrating in Heaven, along with the rest of the Heavenly host, during the Marriage of the Lamb!



REV.19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.**

God's Word, the Bible, refers to His people as His Wife and Himself as the Bridegroom, our Husband. He is our all in all and we want to be as close to Him as we possibly can. We are honored to be the Bride of Christ, and we can love Him in spirit and He loves us in return. We want to be close to Jesus and enjoy all the benefits of a strong, loving relationship. And like love between an earthly husband and wife, we become one with Him. We are closer to Him and we find strength, comfort, and solace, and receive many spiritual blessings that we don't get any other way. The resultant closeness we achieve with Jesus when we love Him gives us strength, which we know will help us pull through victoriously during those troubled times ahead – those fast approaching End Time upheavals. (See *Psa.45:11; Isa.54:5, 62:3-5; Hos.2:19-20; Matt 25:1; John 3:29; Rom.7:4; 2Cor.11:2.*)



REV.19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, **clean and white**: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

**** ISA.61:10** *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

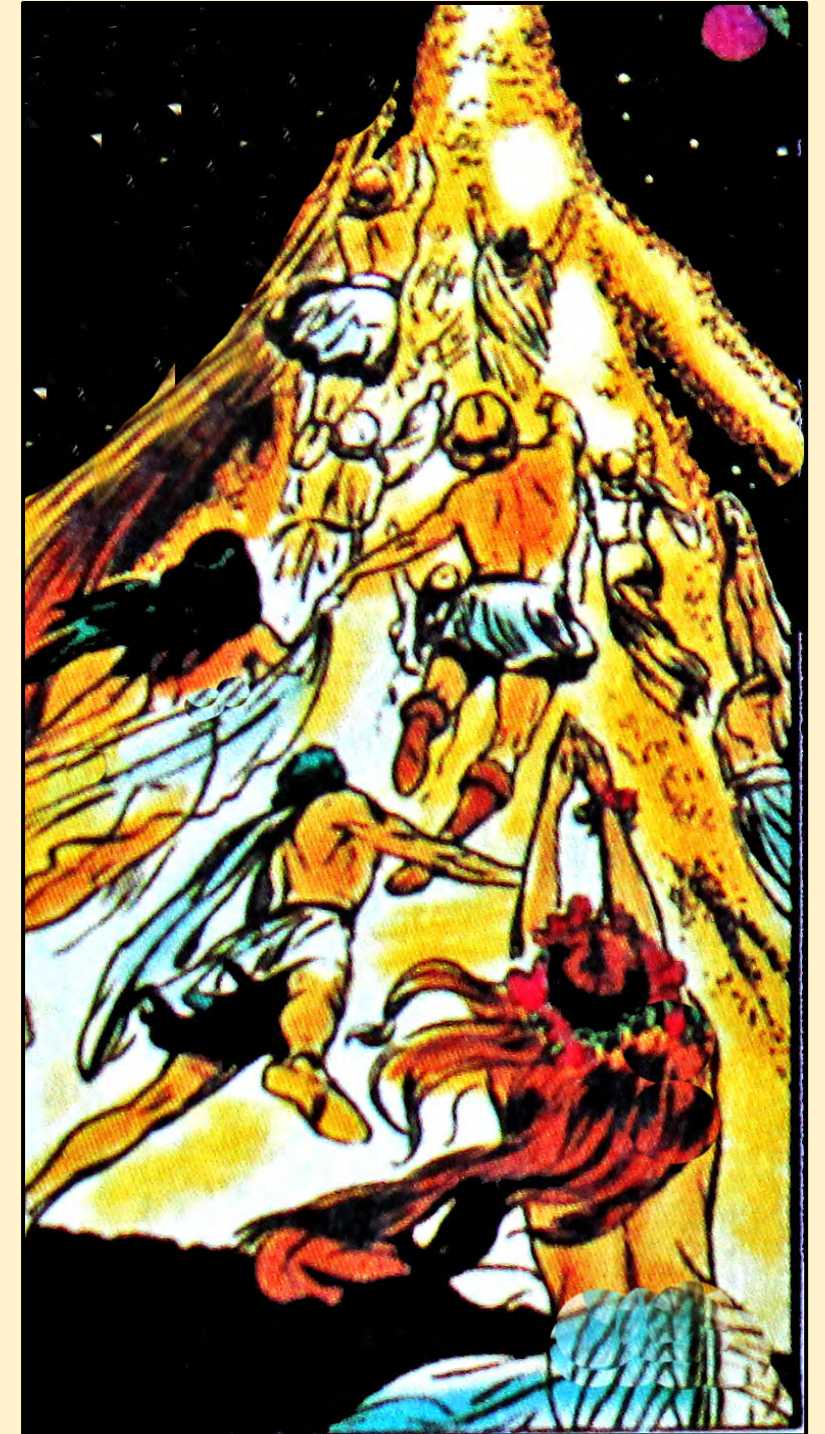


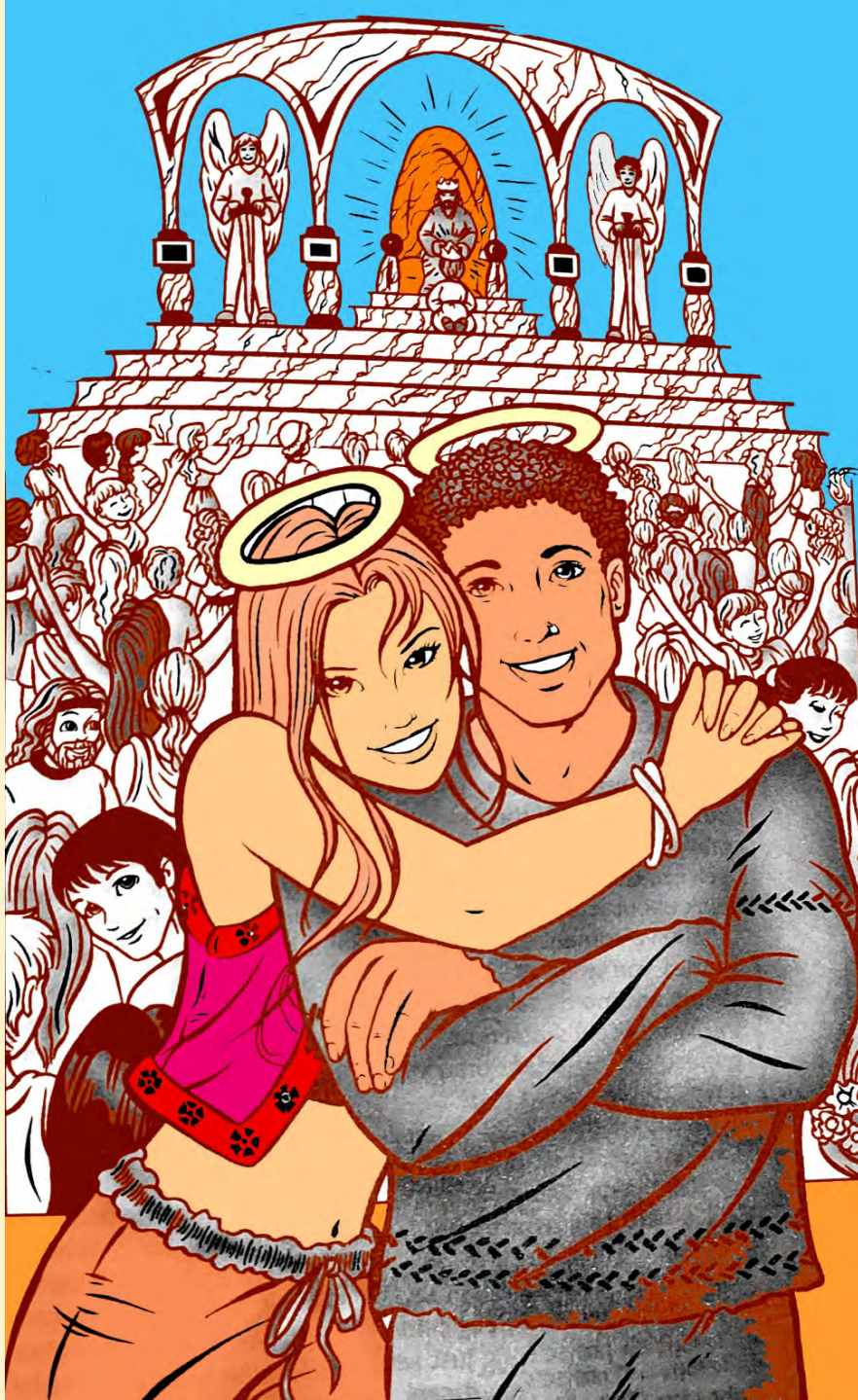
And they are all praising God, thanking God for something!--A great victory over the enemy! Because they have been released and rescued out of this Hell on Earth, this corrupted World and they're in Heaven with Jesus having a wonderful party, a Marriage Supper, a Wedding Reception, a wonderful time while there's Hell on Earth as God pours out His judgements upon their wicked enemies they left behind!

REV.19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb...** these are the true sayings of God.

When Jesus comes back to rescue His children, His Church, out of the terrible Great Tribulation, it will be our glorious Exodus from this World! He will come and *"gather together"* His saints, His children, *"from one end of Heaven to the other"* and *"so shall we ever be with the Lord!"* (Mt.24:31; 1Th.4:17.) He comes back to catch His bride out of the evil clutches of the enemy and to take her into His bosom!--A union which is so thrilling, exciting and will be such ecstasy that it is called the Rapture!

As you are heading up into the clouds to join Jesus and all the resurrected saved, you might be wondering *"What next?"* Well, my friends, it is time to celebrate, and you are going to be one of the guests of honor. You are cordially invited to your wedding party. Welcome to the great *"Marriage Supper of the Lamb,"* where you, one of Jesus' brides and part of His Church, the elect, the *"ecclesia"*, the called-out ones, finally get to celebrate your marriage with Jesus.





The Bible calls it the ***"Marriage Supper of the Lamb"*** because it will be the great Wedding of the Bride, His Bride--all believers, the entire true Church of God, the true believers in Christ, all of them counted as one great Bride though it be composed of millions--marrying Jesus at this great celebration in Heaven, this great Wedding Feast! You became part of His Bride the minute you accepted Him into your heart, and now you finally get to have the wedding supper. From that point on, the Bible is silent as to what the celebrations consist of, but we can rest assured that if Jesus is planning the party, its beauties, glories, celebrations, and reunions will far exceed our wildest imaginations.



There is another event that will apparently take place at this time, referred to in Scripture as the Judgment Seat of Christ. This is when the saved will come individually before Jesus Christ to receive their rewards. Paul writes:

***** ROM.14:10, 12 ...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.***

***** 2CO.5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.***

Jesus said:

***** Rev.22:12 Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.***

***** Mt.16:27 The Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.***

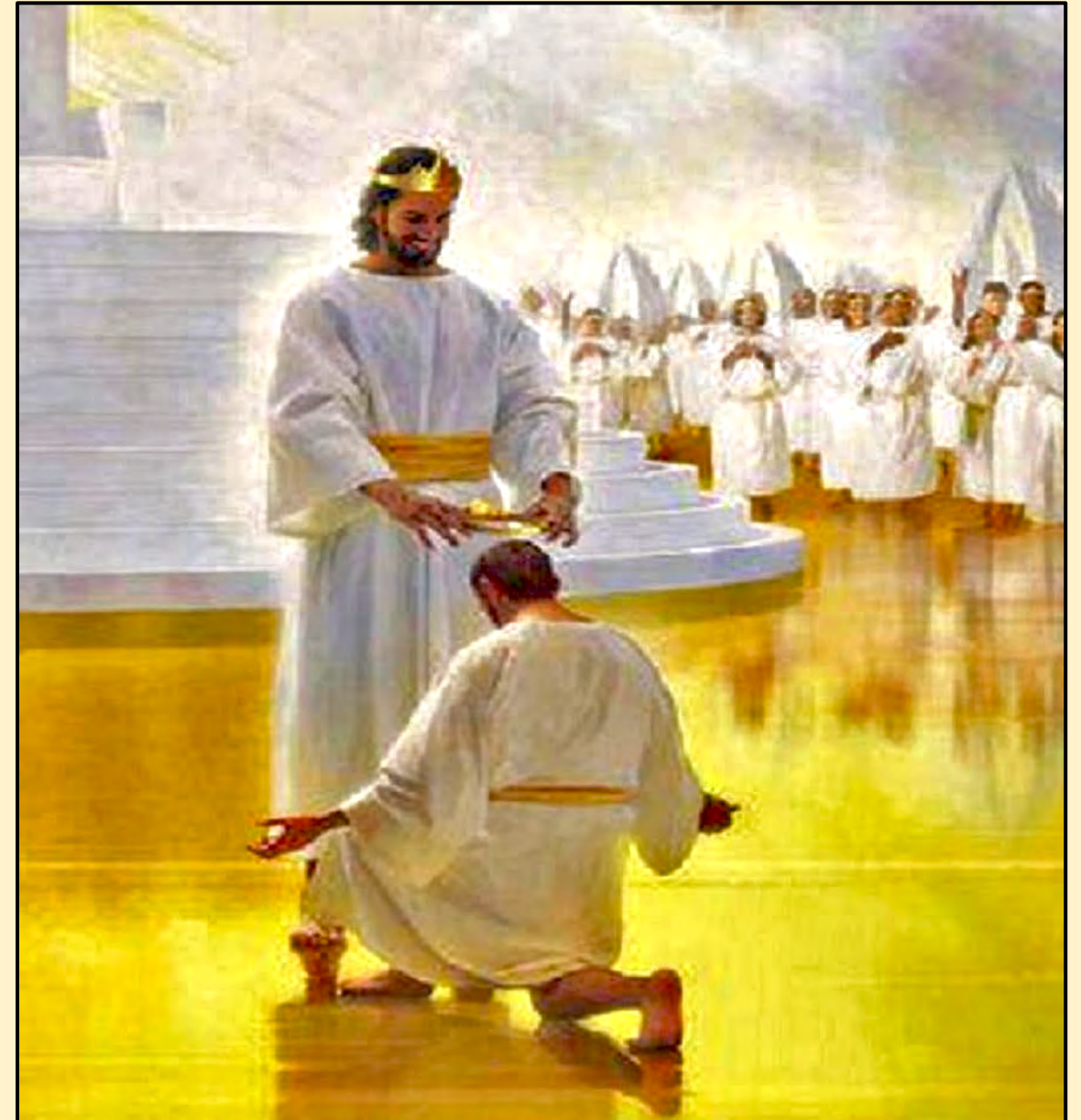
***** Rev.2:10 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.***

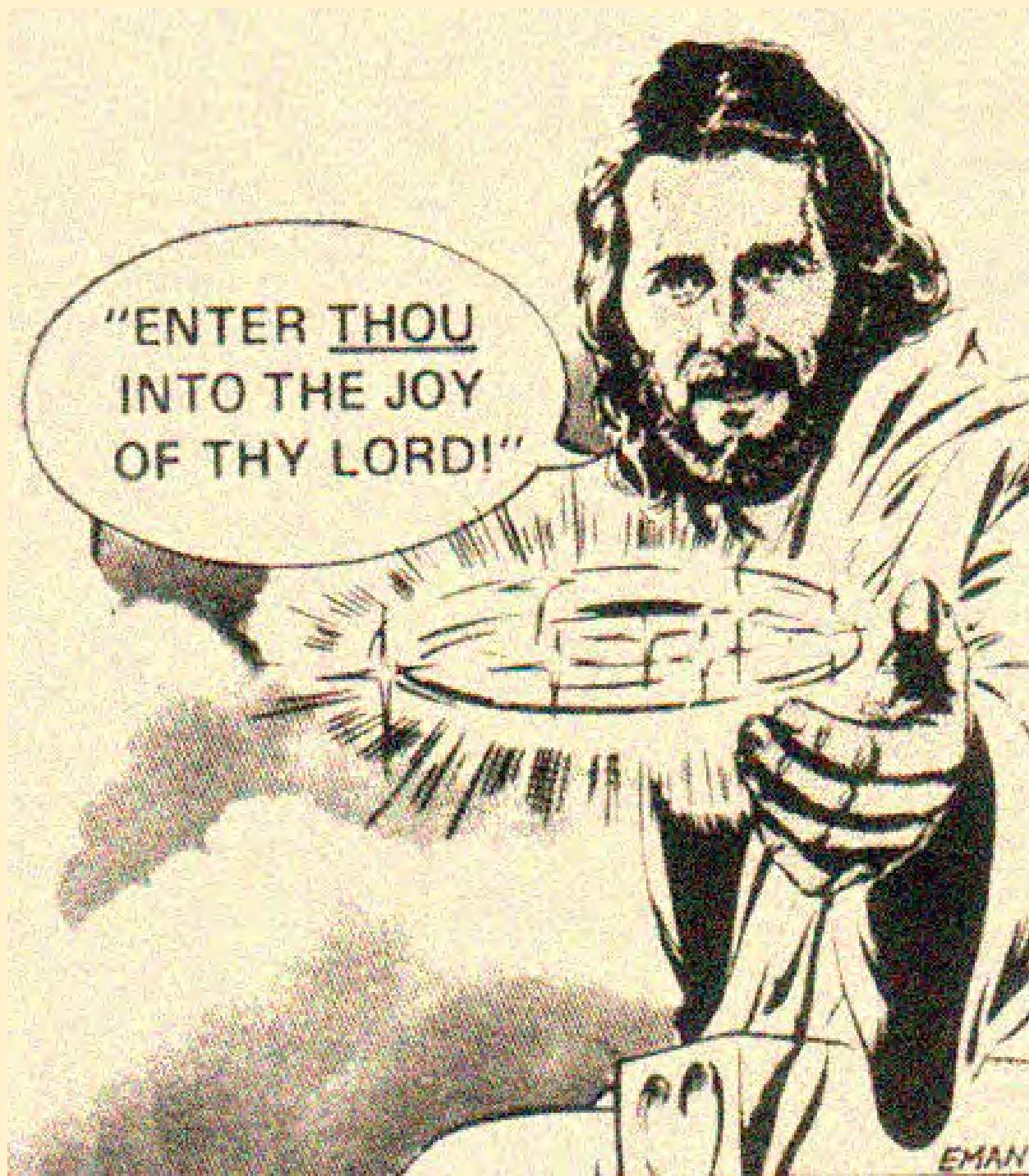
The apostle Paul, at the end of his ministry, shortly before his death, said,

***** 2 Tim.4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. This crown is your reward.***

***** MAT.25:23 His lord said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.***

Every follower of Christ will be rewarded at the Throne of Christ according to his works. Now don't get this judgement and rewarding of Christ's followers, the born-again, mixed up with the great final judgement of the unsaved, which is an entirely different occasion at an entirely different time! The judgement of the unsaved dead takes place a thousand years later, after the Millennium, when they are all raised to meet God at the Great White Throne Judgement described in the 20th Chapter of Revelation, which we will cover in an upcoming chapter.





But we who are resurrected, raised and raptured to be with the Lord at the end of the Tribulation in the First Resurrection, we'll get our rewards right away up in Heaven at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!--There will be a great feast, a great ceremony and God will pass out the gifts, the presents, the rewards to all of those who loved and served Him!--Isn't that wonderful?

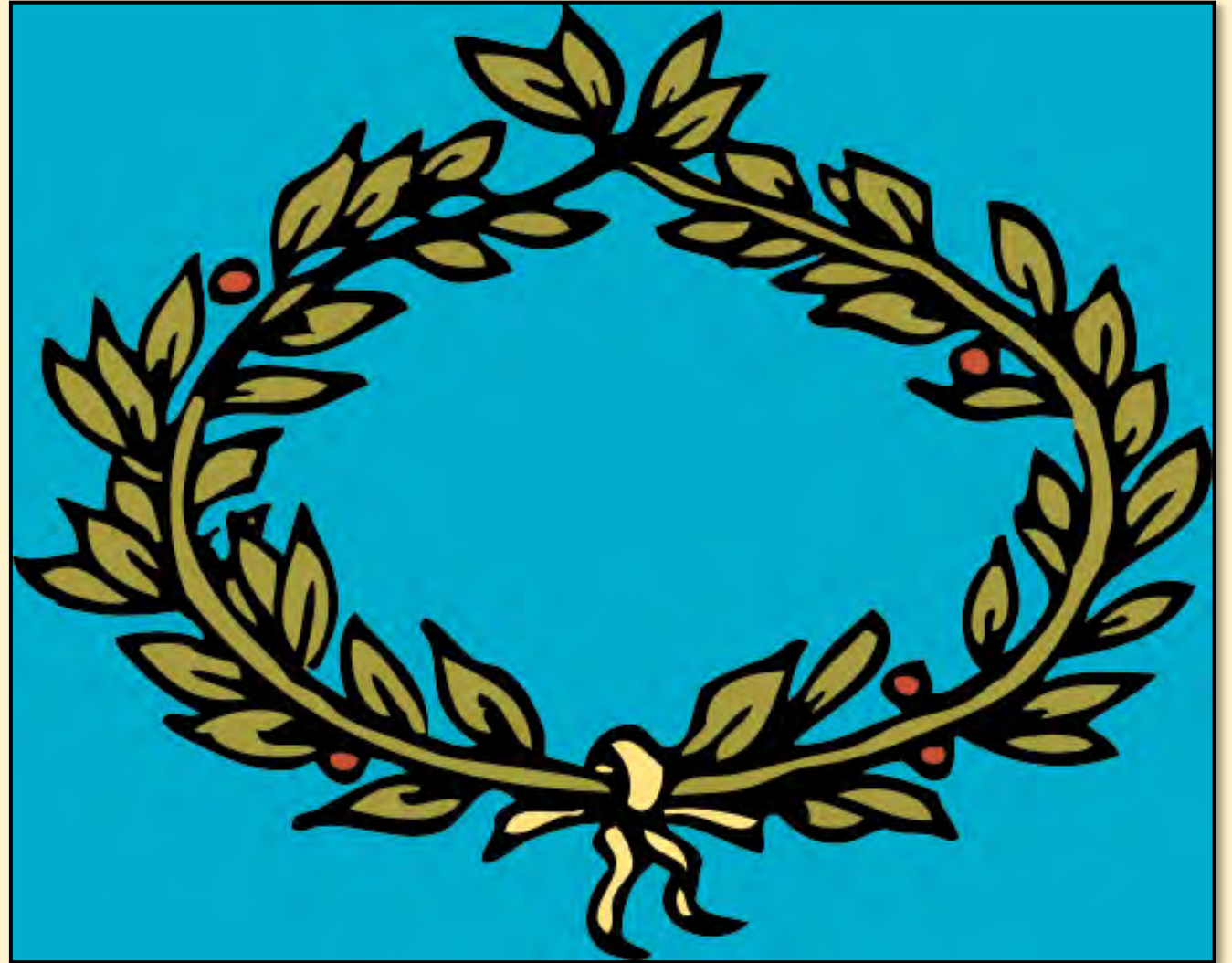
But remember, rewards have nothing to do with your salvation! The rewards are something you work for and you earn by your faithfulness, your diligence, your hard work and soul-winning! But a lot of Christians get confused by the Bible verses on rewards and crowns and apply them to salvation, and then think they've got to work for their salvation.--But you can't work for your salvation!--It is a free gift of God! (See *Eph.2:8, 9; Tit.3:5; Mt.16:27; Rev.22:12.*) We don't earn salvation. We can't work for salvation—it's a gift! But we can work for rewards, we can earn special praise and special commendation from the Lord!

A special, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" (Mt.25:21.) He says that some He'll make rulers over one city, some over a few cities, and some over many cities. "For he that is faithful in that which is least is also faithful in that which is most." (Lk.19:17; 16:10.) So although your works in this life aren't going to help to get you into Heaven, they'll have a great deal to do with your reward, a great deal to do with the way you shine (Dan.12:3), and a great deal to do with your position once you're there.

**** 1PE.5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

**** 1CO.9:24-25 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that strives for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we, an incorruptible.**

In Corinth, racing was a common public sport, and the winners were given a crown of laurel leaves that withered within days. Paul said the crown that the Lord will give us will not fade away but will last forever.





REV.19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, **See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

When John went to fall down and worship him, he said, “Don’t worship me, I’m just one of your your brethren. I’m just a saint of God like you, only I’m in the Spirit World now. I died and went to be in the Spirit World with the Lord. I’m just an ordinary guy like you, John, so don’t fall down and worship me. I’m just another prophet, I’m still continuing my job here on the other side of death, and I’m helping to describe and explain these things to you” (just like Gabriel did for Daniel). (Rev.22:8, 9)

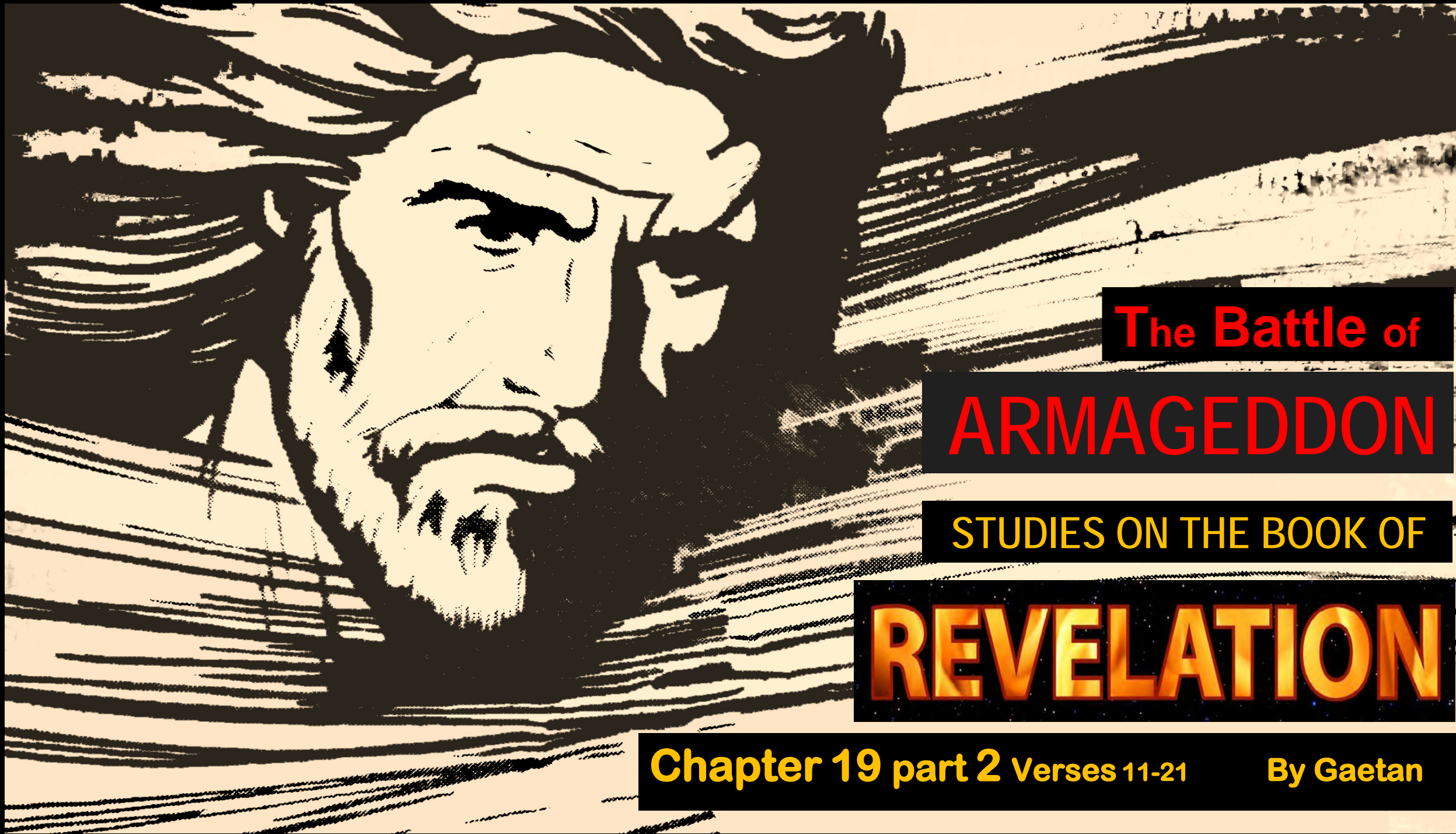
What is the spirit of prophecy? You say, "Well, I'm not a prophet, I can't prophesy." Your very witness, upholding Christ in your speech and activities, is the spirit of prophecy! See, the trouble is that most people think of prophecy as predicting the future, but the word prophecy here is taken from a Greek word called "*prophetes*" which actually means "*forth telling*". Not foretelling, but forth telling, being a spokesperson for truth, especially the truth of preaching the Gospel to all the World, to every creature!

The gift of prophecy is a special thing, but in the sense of your actual prophesying, every single one of you is prophesying when you witness and give out the testimony of Jesus! When you're talking about the Lord, guiding others on the road to salvation, you're prophesying! When you're preaching the Gospel you're prophesying!--Because it is the testimony of Jesus!

You can have salvation at this very moment. It is the gift of God. It's free; you only have to be willing to receive it. Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sin. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit so I can change my ways and make a difference for good in others' lives. And help me to read and understand Your Word as I want to know You better and follow You more closely. Amen"





The Battle of **ARMAGEDDON**

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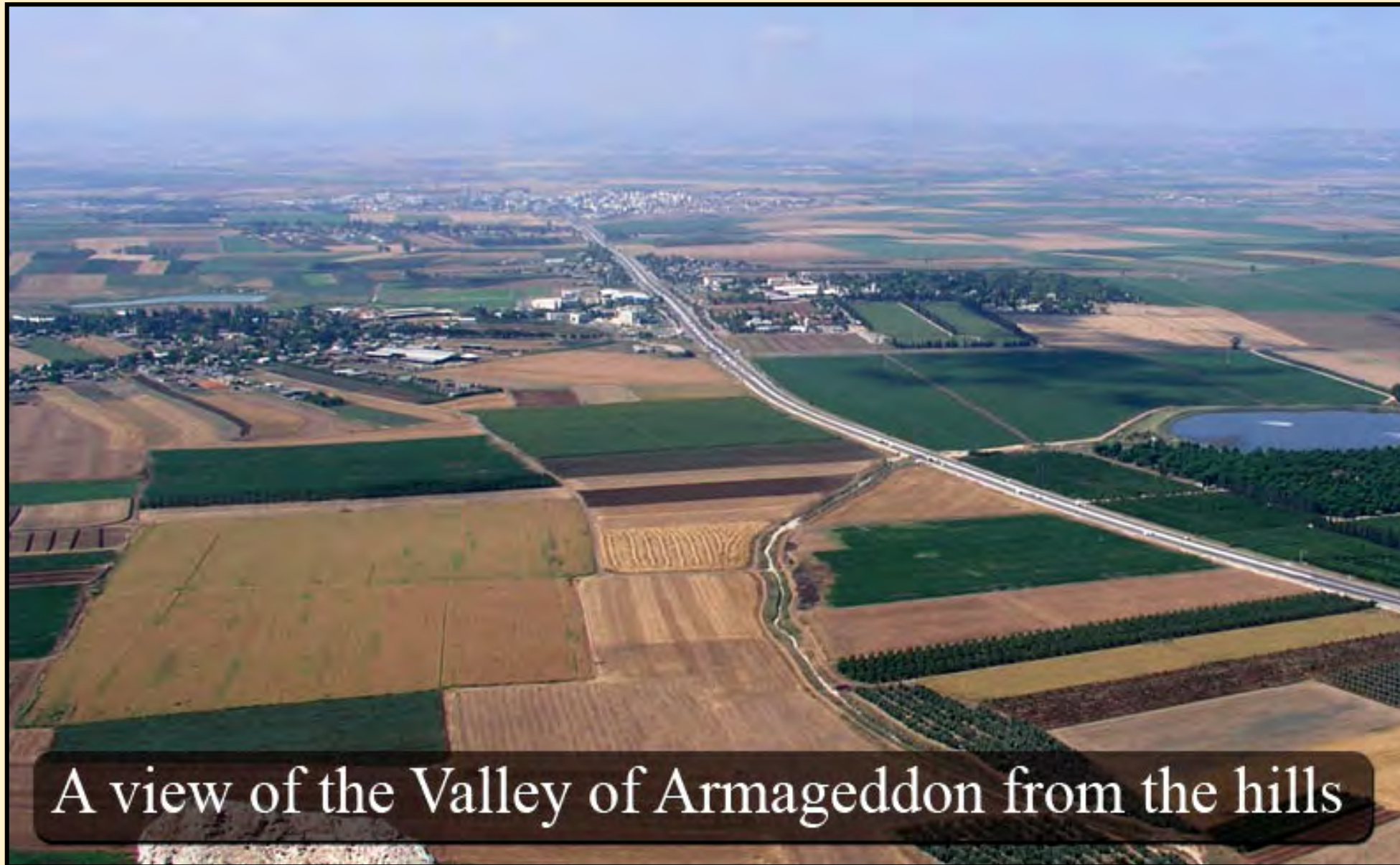
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Chapter 19 part 2 Verses 11-21

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REVELATION CHAPTER 19 part 2 (v. 11-21) **THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON**

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A view of the Valley of Armageddon from the hills

In the first part of this chapter, we saw that the saints had been gathered together in the Rapture, having been called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Also, we learned that the Wrath of God is being poured out, primarily it seems on the Antichrist and his forces, but also affecting every part of the earth.

Now in the second part of this chapter comes a vivid description of the terrible battle of Armageddon. The most likely interpretation of the Scriptures seems to be that the Battle of Armageddon takes place when the sixth and seventh plagues of the Wrath of God are poured out, after the Antichrist's forces have gathered together in the vicinity of the Hill of Megiddo, Armageddon. Upon the pouring out of the seventh bowl, a voice from the Throne says, ***"It is done"***—meaning, ***"This is the End!"*** (Rev.16:17) Armageddon is the last scene of the horror drama of all the damage that man has wrought on Earth. This is the last horrific battle before the establishment of God's kingdom on Earth. War is humankind's most ardently pursued occupation, creating the most possible destruction, the ultimate manifestation of man's inhumanity to man, and in this war the Devil and humankind have combined to bring about their final act of devastation!



The world is always talking about Armageddon! Every World War gets called another Armageddon, every threat to World peace they say, *"Ah, here's the Apocalypse, here's the Battle of Armageddon! Here it comes, the End of the World!"* But according to the Bible, the most significant, climactic, apocalyptic battle that this World has ever known is going to come not by the hundreds of thousands of horsemen, but millions of horsemen are going to come from the



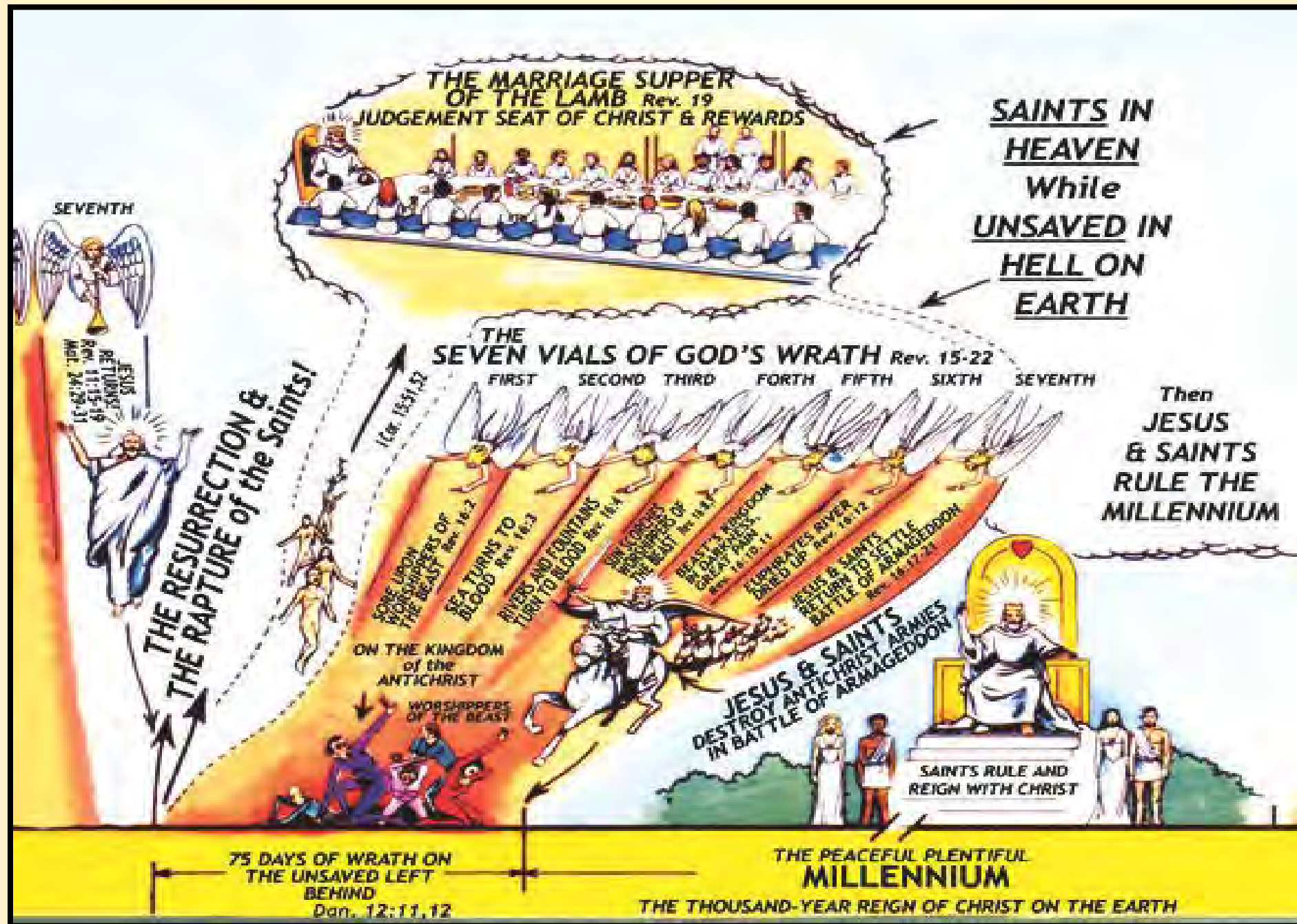
East, apparently as part of the battle, and the Antichrist is going to be a little worried about whether they're going to come to help him or to take over.

**** REV.9:14-16** *Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand (200 million): and I heard the number of them.*

But that is not all. Unimaginably great forces are going to come from Heaven - in this greatest invasion for this greatest of all battles!--With not just thousands, but maybe millions of people! Do you realise there are already millions and probably billions of saved people in Heaven?--There's gotta be, must be! Can you imagine an army charging out of Heaven? Some artists have pictured a few horses, Jesus and a handful of riders, but that doesn't even begin to scratch the surface! There are going to be a lot of us coming back to Earth for the battle of Armageddon! Can you imagine what a shock that is going to be to these armies fighting each other on earth when suddenly we appear out of the sky?--The most powerful invasion force the Earth has ever known.



Pls take time to study the following chart to help you visualise the order of the end-time events.





REV.19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and **behold a white horse**; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

**** PSA.96:13 ...for He cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**

Who is it that John saw coming on a white horse? Someone called Faithful and True, whose Name is called The Word of God. This can be none other than Jesus, “the Word [that] became flesh, and dwelt among us” (Jn.1:14).

REV.19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that *no man knew, but he himself*.



**** REV.1:14** *His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;*

Here is Jesus Christ, crowned with many crowns, not coming as a babe in a manger, not coming as a merciful savior. He's not even a sweet, gentle, loving healer and feeder of the multitude, not even a fiery Prophet rebuking the Scribes, the Pharisees and the hypocrites, this time He is a Man of war!

He's coming with righteousness and with judgment. He is coming now as a great warrior and a judge to make war, as King of kings and Lord of lords!



John's apocalyptic vision is paralleled by Ezekiel's description of the Battle of Armageddon in *Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39*. God told Ezekiel that there is going to be a great shaking when God finally decides to judge the Antichrist, who is called "**Gog**" in those chapters. After he's caused so much trouble for those who refuse to worship him, and has warred against any nations that oppose him, God finally will put a stop to him!

REV.19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

**** ISA.63:1-4** *Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? [Who is] this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.*

"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood!" His robes of righteousness are ***"dipped in blood."*** This is extremely significant for us because there is no remedy for sin, except His blood. That was His Own blood He shed for us. But part of the interpretation also comes from the Old Testament Scripture that we just read about the Lord coming from Bozrah with his vesture dipped in blood. He was a man of war coming to fight! It shows that He's a fighter! Fighters got bloody in those days, it was hand-to-hand conflict with hand-held weapons! -Really gory! The battle of Armageddon will be very bloody.

"...his name is called The Word of God."

Christ is the ***"Word made flesh."*** (***"Word"*** comes from the Greek ***"logos"***— the expression of God's thoughts, the cosmic order behind the universe.) Jesus Christ, God in human form - God's answer to all the sins, the frailties and shortcomings of mankind.



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REV.19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **The book of Jude also describes this:**

**** JUD.1:14-15** And **Enoch** also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all**, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

REV.19:15 And out of his mouth goeth **a sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

The Antichrist forces are slaughtered by the sword that comes out of the mouth of Christ. The prophet Isaiah also foresaw this when he wrote,

**** ISA.11:3-5 ...and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. (Isa.66:15-16)**

"And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword!" We take this actually as being somewhat symbolic, like His voice or like His Words. He speaks of His Word as being a sharp sword, doesn't He? He says it's even sharper than a two-edged sword! So why fiddle around with material swords when you can use the Word, which is even sharper! (Rev.1:16; Rev.2:12)

**** HEB.4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**



"That with it He should smite the nations!"—with His power! Which shows it's going to be much more powerful than just any ordinary sword. And it sounds like the Word! He's going to just speak the Word. He's not even going to have to use any other weapon but the Word. The Lord spoke the Word and the Worlds were created! (Heb.11:3) Think of the power of His Words! If He could speak words and the Worlds were created, He could certainly speak the Word to destroy His enemies!

"And He shall rule them with a rod of iron!"-- Again the symbolism. Jesus isn't going around batting people with an iron stick or an iron rod. This is symbolic, representing the power, the tremendous enormous power by which Jesus will be ruling!

***** PSA.2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.***

***** REV.2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (Rev.12:5)***



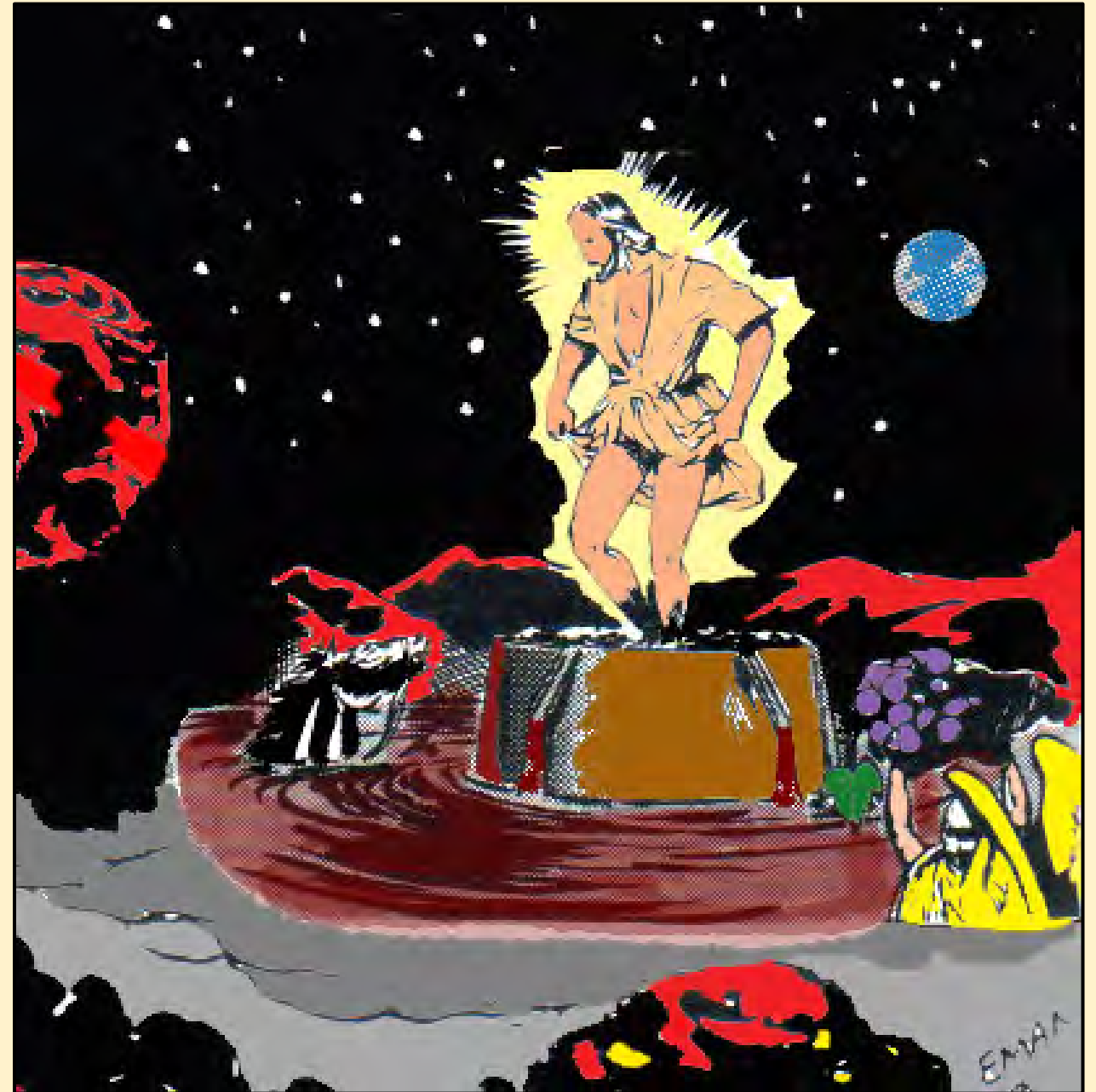


"And He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Almighty God!" Now, Jesus isn't actually trampling around in some kind of a winepress, tromping on grapes with His feet. This is the time for God to crush the grapes of wrath of the Enemy! It's symbolic of His Wrath! It's a time for God to crush the Enemy so that his blood runs out like wine when the grapes are crushed. This picture of the grand finale of the judgments of God, with Christ coming and casting the wicked into the Great Winepress of God's Wrath, is also described in Revelation chapter 14:

**** REV.14:18-20** *And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, **Thrust in thy sharp sickle,** and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, **and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.** And the winepress was trodden without the city, **and blood came out of the winepress,** even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

The prophet Joel also foresaw this gathering of the wicked at Armageddon to be cast into the winepress of God's Great Wrath when he prophesied:

**** Joel 2:11; 3:9-15** *The Lord gives voice before His army. For His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. **For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible**; who can endure it? Proclaim this among the nations: “**Prepare for war!**” Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, “I am strong.” **Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around.** ... Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. **Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow—for their wickedness is great.**” Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! **For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.** The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness.*



**“Come and gather
yourselves together unto the
supper of the great God”**



REV.19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

He is the King of all kings and Lord of all lords! How many names does this make now? We've got Faithful, True, Secret (*verse 12*), Word of God, Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords! That makes a perfect seven! Seven names of God in this chapter!

REV.19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, **saying to all the fowls** that fly in the midst of heaven, **Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;**

REV.19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of **captains**, and the flesh of **mighty men**, and the **flesh of horses**, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

Ezekiel's description of this horrific Battle remarkably parallels John's:

**** EZE.39:17-20** ...thus saith the Lord GOD; **Speak unto every feathered fowl**, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, **that ye may eat flesh**, and drink blood. Ye shall eat the flesh **of the mighty**, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, and ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD. And I will set my glory among the heathen, **and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed**, and my hand that I have laid upon them.



REV.19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Here the Antichrist makes a last-ditch stand to try to fight Jesus and His forces.

**** REV.16:12-14, 16** *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*



And from the prophet Ezekiel chapter 38:22-23 “**And I will bring Gog (an old Jewish name for the Antichrist)** to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord”. (See also Rev.16:21)

REV.19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire** burning with brimstone.

**** 2TH.2:8** *And then shall that Wicked (the Antichrist) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.*

REV.19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

**** Rev.17:14** *These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.*

**** DAN.7:11** *I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.*



By the time the Lord and we charge out of Heaven to attack them, the Antichrist and False Prophet will have gathered together their forces to fight us! Isn't that silly?--As though they could ever hope to fight us! It shows you how dumb the Devil is, how dumb the Antichrist is to think they can fight God! He wouldn't have become anti-Christ in the first place if he hadn't thought he could fight God and God's people. He may be able to fight us, but he can't win! He may be able to give us trouble and battles, but he can't win the victory! Jesus is going to win the war!



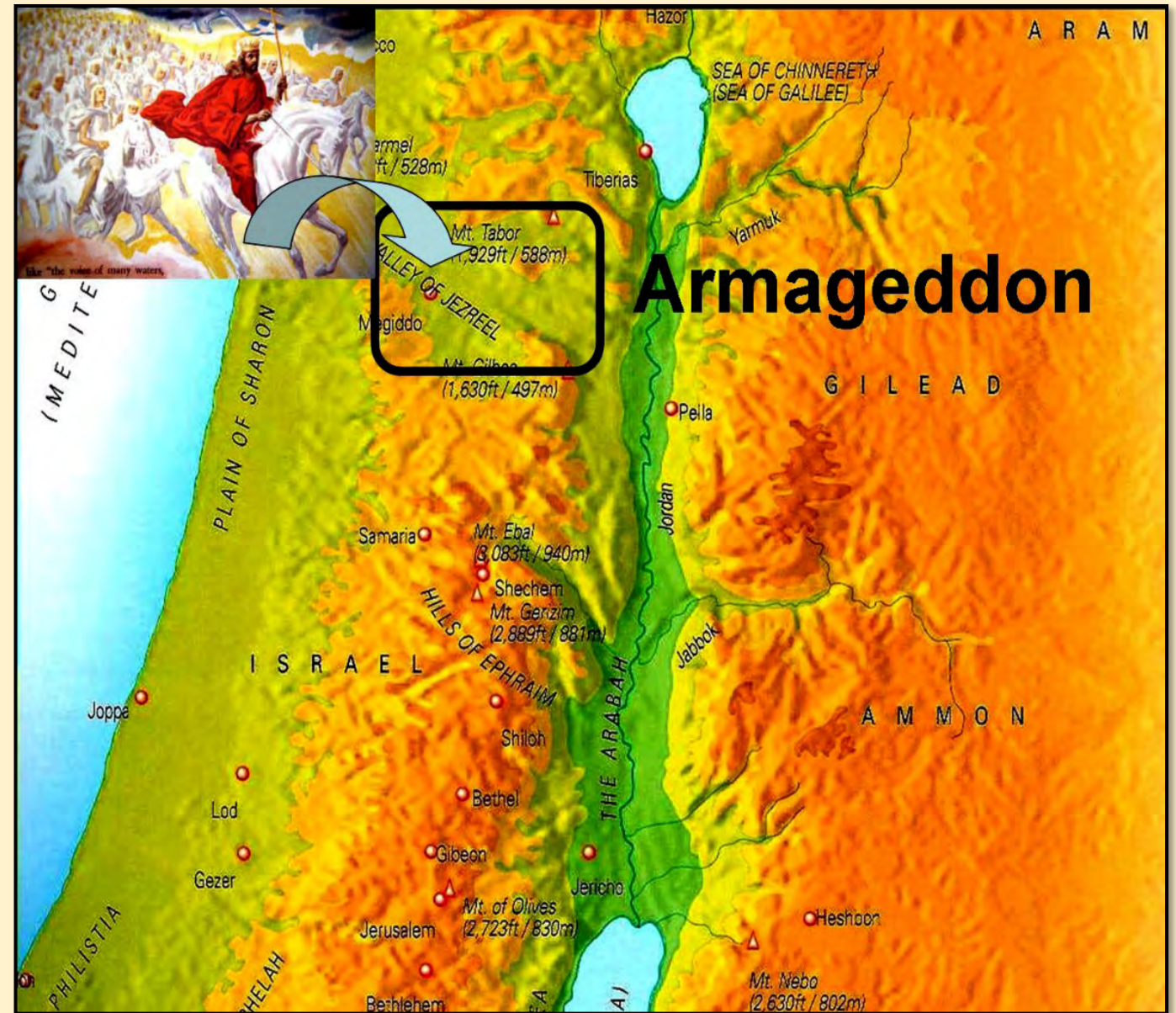
That is the miserable end of the Antichrist and all of his bestial followers who have persecuted and imprisoned and tortured and slaughtered God's people and so many others in their reign of terror. The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be captured and taken

from the Battle of Armageddon and tossed directly into the lake of fire—Hell. So horrible will be the carnage from the war that it will take seven months to bury the dead in Israel alone, and seven years to remove all the wreckage of the battle. (*Ezekiel 39:9-16*)

Following is another passage, written by the apostle Paul, which refers to the destruction of God's enemies by fire:

***** 2 Thes.1:6-10 It is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe.***

This Battle of Armageddon is going to be a very great battle and a very great slaughter, and is surely the fulfillment of what is described in Revelation 14: the wicked being cast into the winepress of the Wrath of God. And how long does the period of Wrath and Armageddon last?



Dan 7:25
Rev.12:14

3 and a half years

Rev.11:2
Rev.13:5

42 months

Rev.11:3
Rev.12:6

1260 days

We don't know for sure, but an interesting passage in the book of Daniel could provide some insight to this. We need to remember that we already have been told repeatedly throughout the books of Daniel and Revelation that the Tribulation period, during which the Antichrist is fully possessed by Satan, and wages repeated wars, and most specifically, persecutes the believers in God, is three and a half years, or 42 months, or 1,260 days. It is said so often that you cannot miss getting the point. Jesus really wants us to understand just how long this time of persecution will last. Here are those scriptures about this time span: ***Daniel 7:25; 9:27; Rev.11:2-3; 12:6 & 14; 13:5.***

In ***Daniel chapter 12 verses 6 and 7***, the angelic messenger has already made it clear that it will be three and a half years by the time all the previous things about the Great Tribulation that he has been talking about have happened, including Daniel's people being delivered. The believers both alive and dead at the end of this 1,260-day period will have been caught up to Jesus in the Rapture.

**** DAN.12:6** And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, **How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?**

**** DAN.12:7** And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be **for a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

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Then Daniel continues:

**** DAN.12:8** And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, **what shall be the end of these things?**

**** DAN.12:11** And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a **thousand two hundred and ninety days**.

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**** DAN.12:12** Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the **thousand three hundred and five and thirty days**.

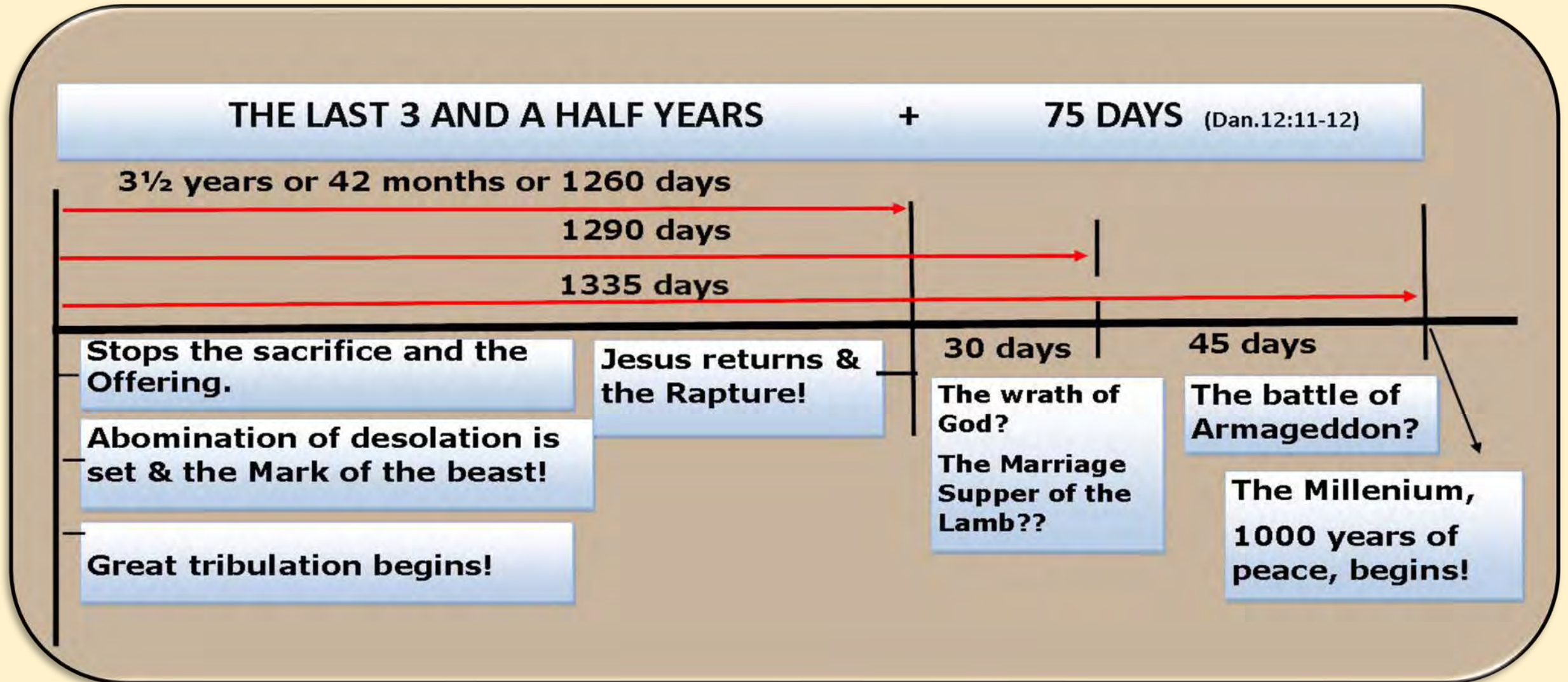
It seems there must have been a different nuance to Daniel's question, "What shall be the end of these things?" - different from the other question, "How long shall the fulfillment of these

wonders be?" - because it elicited a different answer. In reply he is told that it shall be 1,290 days, and that he who waits till 1,335 days will be blessed. In other words, the "fulfillment" and the "end" are somehow different and there is an extra 30-day period followed by a further 45-day period.

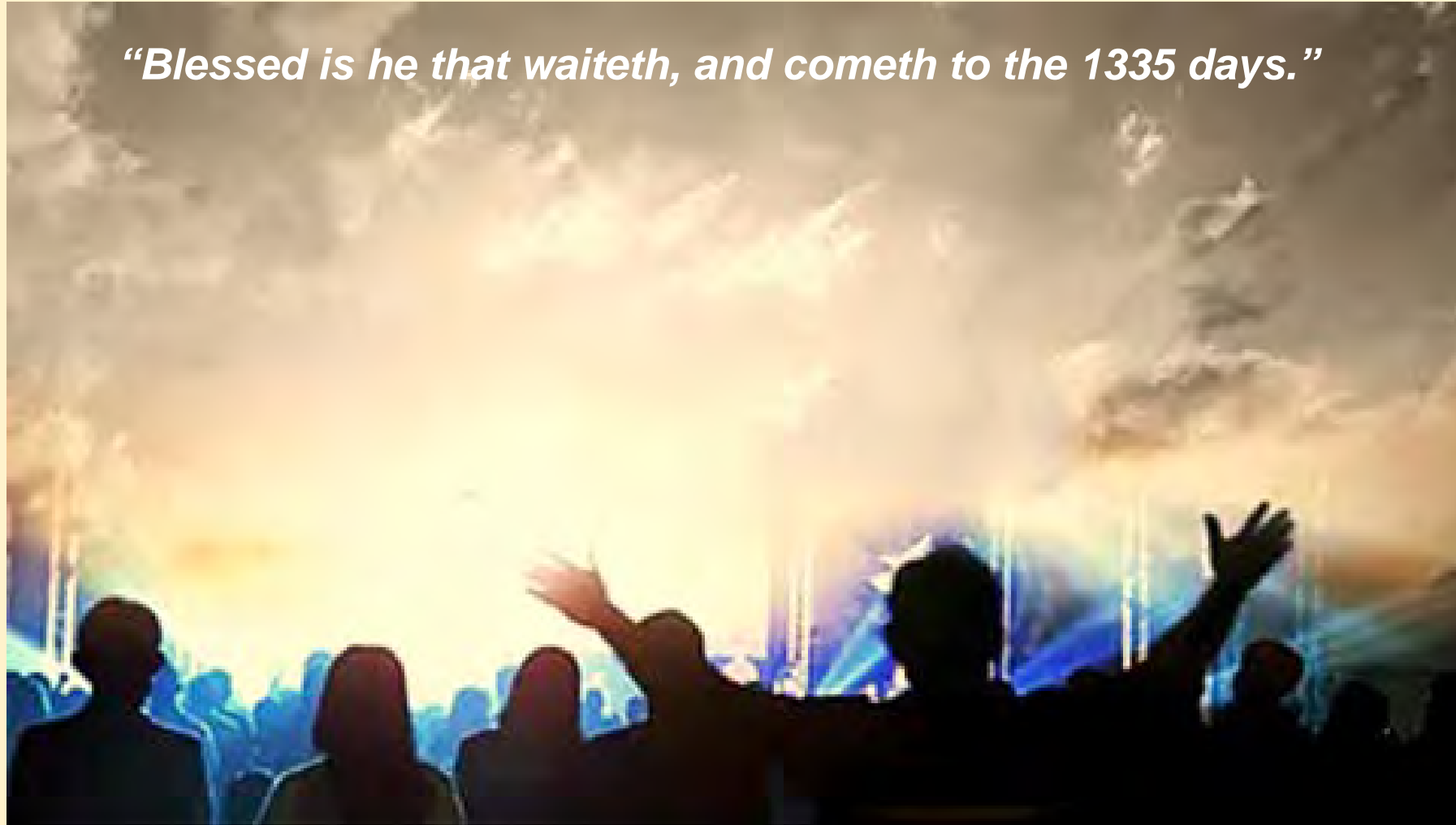
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So there will be an extra period of 75 days after the rapture has occurred. The Antichrist is not destroyed at the Rapture; that certainly is the beginning of his downfall, for what follows now are all the horrors of the period known as the Wrath of God! He is not destroyed for another 75 days till the Battle of Armageddon ends with him and his False Prophet being cast immediately into the Lake of Fire.



“Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.”
It seems that these ***“blessed”*** wouldn’t be the saved who already went up in the Rapture. The saved are already blessed and really have no need to wait any longer to receive blessings. And certainly it is not talking about the evildoers who are annihilated. It must be referring to the



“Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the 1335 days.”

survivors of this war, whether they are combatants or civilians.

Why are they blessed?—because they survive to live in the new world that the Lord is setting up, the Millennium. If this is the right interpretation, then it will take 75 days after the Rapture event before the earth is completely subdued and the last remnants of the Antichrist’s forces and government are

eradicated from the earth at the Battle of Armageddon. For then righteousness and peace will reign and prevail and all who remain will be truly blessed.

There will be three general divisions of people in these last days. First, there are the saved believers who, at the time of the Rapture, are taken to Heaven.

Second, there are the wicked Antichrist worshippers who are being wiped out and slain here at the battle of Armageddon.



And third, there are the people who fall in between these two categories. They were neither believers in Jesus nor Antichrist worshippers. Apparently there are still people and nations even at this point that will not submit to the Antichrist and they do not worship him nor have they accepted the Mark of

the Beast. They live through this grisly Wrath and Battle of Armageddon period and undoubtedly do not have a pleasant time of it. Even though they are not the primary targets of it, they will nevertheless be caught in the fallout. What if you were one of those people? Wouldn't you feel blessed once all this was over? ***Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. (Dan.12:12)***

It is, however, important to state that what happens during the 30 and 45 day periods is not specified in the Scriptures, and the hypothesis written here is just that, a hypothesis. It is conjecture, but it is an educated guess based on Scripture and the events we know will come to pass.

A Message from the Victor at Armageddon:

“Reading about the events and times that have been covered in this study might have left you feeling apprehensive and concerned about the future, and even alarmed at what might happen to you and your loved ones when this all hits. It is understandable that you would feel this way. These events are all a part of the end of the world as you know it. They will be monumental and range from the worst times the world has ever experienced to the beginning of the best. But through all of this you must remember that you are not alone. If you have received Me as your Savior and Friend then I, the ultimate winner in the End Time conflict, am by your side at every moment. No lasting harm can come to you from that point on. You are Mine and I have reserved your place in Heaven. Nothing can take that away from you.”



**** John.14:1-3** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; **that where I am, there you may be also.**

“Even though these times will be the worst the world has gone through, they do not have to be the worst for you. If I am in your heart and you are staying close to Me, then those days can be some of your greatest, where you achieve more than you ever have before. So don’t look ahead with dread at what is going to happen. Look forward with the knowledge that for you everything is going to work out in the best and most wonderful way you could ever imagine!

That is My promise to you!” —Jesus

If you have not already received Jesus’ wonderful gift of salvation, you can do so by saying a simple prayer like the following:



Jesus, please forgive me for the wrongs that I have done with my life. I believe that You are the Son of God and I accept and receive you now as my Savior. Thank you for Your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen.

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The Millennium

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Chapter 20 part 1

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The millennium! (V. 1-6)

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As you recall from the last chapter, in the cataclysmic battle of Armageddon, the forces of God will win a glorious victory over the forces of the devil, his Antichrist and his criminal, counterfeit kingdom! It is then, after this big battle, that we, the saints of God, along with our King, Jesus Christ, will take over this World and set up the Kingdom of God on Earth, to rule and run it the way it should have been run, if man could have obeyed God!

The Bible says that this amazing new era will last for one thousand years, and therefore it is known to Bible Prophecy students as the Millennium, which is Latin for a thousand years. The rest of Revelation is mostly good news! We had to tell you the bad news first, all about the Antichrist, his reign of terror, the Tribulation, the Judgement of Babylon and its horrors, we had to tell you that first, and then came Armageddon. But now the victory! Now it's Heaven on Earth!

JESUS, the LION of JUDAH: WINNER at the BATTLE of ARMAGEDDON!





Every day, millions of Christians the world over pray the Lord's Prayer: *"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."* But most don't really appreciate the significance of that prayer and how literally it is going to be fulfilled. God's Kingdom will come physically on Earth as it is in Heaven. And it will be truly universal! *"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and ... to the ends of the Earth"* (Psalm 72:8).

REV.20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the **bottomless pit** and a **great chain** in his hand.

**** REV.1:18** *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

**** REV.9:1** *And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.*

REV.20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

**** REV.12:9** And the great **dragon** was cast out, **that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.**

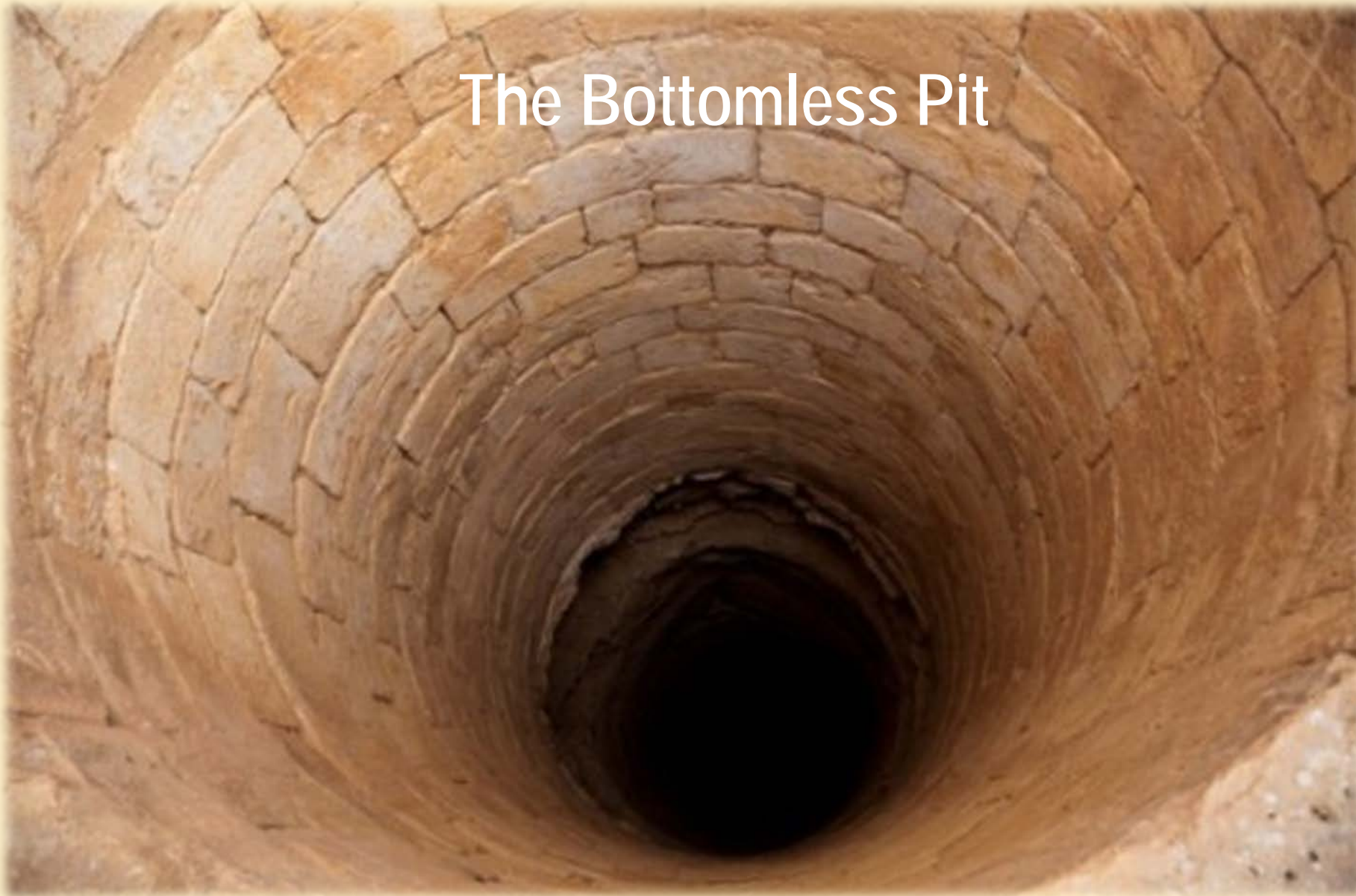
**** 2PE.2:4** ...God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into **chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; (JUD.1:6)**

It is interesting that only **ONE** angel of God is able to suddenly lay **“hold”** of the accuser, the enemy named Satan, and leave him **“bound”** for a millennium. Evil is not some out of control force - it is indeed dangerous, but it is also a prisoner within the purposes of God. (See the amazing verses in **Isaiah 14:7-19**) It is amazing, though, that this **“Devil”** is only to be bound **“for a thousand years.”** There will be a **REASON** to let him go after that time (v.7, 8), just as there is a purpose in letting him roam freely right now.



REV.20:3 And **cast him into the bottomless pit**, and **shut him up**, and set a seal upon him, that he should **deceive the nations no more**, till the **thousand years should be fulfilled**: and after that he must be **loosed a little season**.

The Bottomless Pit



That's plain enough! We're not going to be troubled by the Devil any more during the Millennial Kingdom of Christ on Earth, for he will be bound and cast as a prisoner into the Bottomless Pit and not be able to get out! We'll be rid of him, thank God! For a thousand years he will no longer bother us and no longer lead his legions, his demons across the face of the Earth to plague the World and its citizens!



“After that he must be loosed a little season.” That's when the Lord lets him out - at the end of the Millennium - lets him go about the Earth amongst the Millennial survivors, deceiving those who have rejected Christ and His authority, who are therefore led again by the Devil in another final rebellion against the Lord and His Kingdom, called the ***"Battle of Gog and Magog"***, at the end of which Satan, his forces, and even the entire surface of the Earth are burned up completely! ***(20:7-9)***

REV.20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had **not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark** upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**



LIVE and REIGN with
CHRIST for a 1000
YEARS!

We learned in the last chapter that when Jesus returns to earth for the Battle of Armageddon, there is going to be a great slaughter and a great destruction, according to God's Word.-- Nevertheless some of those who were not resurrected are going to live through it!--There will be survivors, *"the blessed ones of Daniel chapter 12"*. There will be some who will be left on the Earth, people that His Word says will form whole nations during the Millennium, otherwise we'd have no one to rule or reign over! (*Dan.7:12*).



And we are going to rule these people with a rod of iron and teach, train and show them how the World should have been run, and it will be an example to the Universe of what kind of government can exist when humankind is obedient to the Lord and free from the spiritual influence of evil.

***** DAN.12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.***

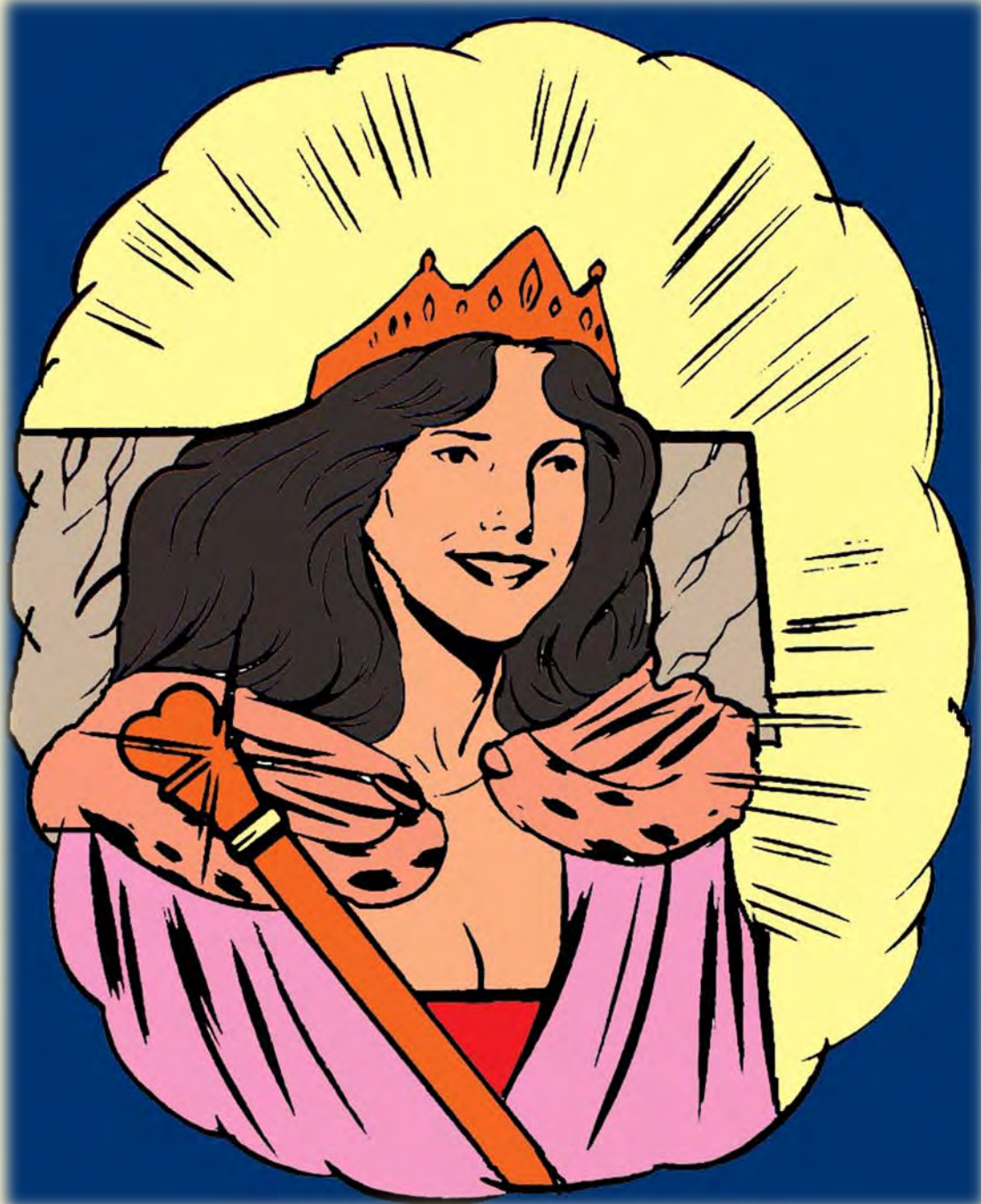
How will they be blessed? They will be blessed to be alive, for a start, and to enter into a new world where war has ceased. It may be an awful mess after the massive destruction caused by the Antichrist and his wars, but with the supernatural help of Jesus and His angels and saints, everything from this point on is going to get better. The restoration of the war-damaged Earth will then begin. Jesus will rule on Earth for 1,000 years, assisted by those who had been His followers in their earthly lives. The survivors, those who are the blessed, will live on in a simpler and righteous world, where loving God and others will be the governing rule.



The prophet Daniel described the takeover of this world's governments by Christ's millennial kingdom in his famous vision in *Daniel, chapter 2*. He saw a great image, which represented history's various great World Empires, being destroyed by "a Stone which smote the image upon his feet", smashing it to pieces and blowing it away "like the chaff"!-- "And the Stone that smote the image became a Great Mountain (Kingdom of Christ), and filled the whole Earth!" (Dan.2:34, 35).

"For in the days of these kings" (the ten toes of the image, the ten final government leaders who fully cooperate with and yield to the Antichrist), "shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever!" (Dan.2:44; see also Rev.17:12-14.)





One of these days very soon, the King is going to come back to claim His Kingdom!--The Kingdom of the Most High shall come and shall destroy all the anti-Christ kingdoms of the World! Jesus is going to come and destroy them all! And He's going to restore the World under us and we're going to rule and reign over it with Him! God will sweep away all this world's kingdoms, but not all the people! -- Many of them will still be here, and we'll be their rulers.

The first event that apparently takes place at the beginning of the Millennium is also foretold in chapter 7 of the book of Daniel:

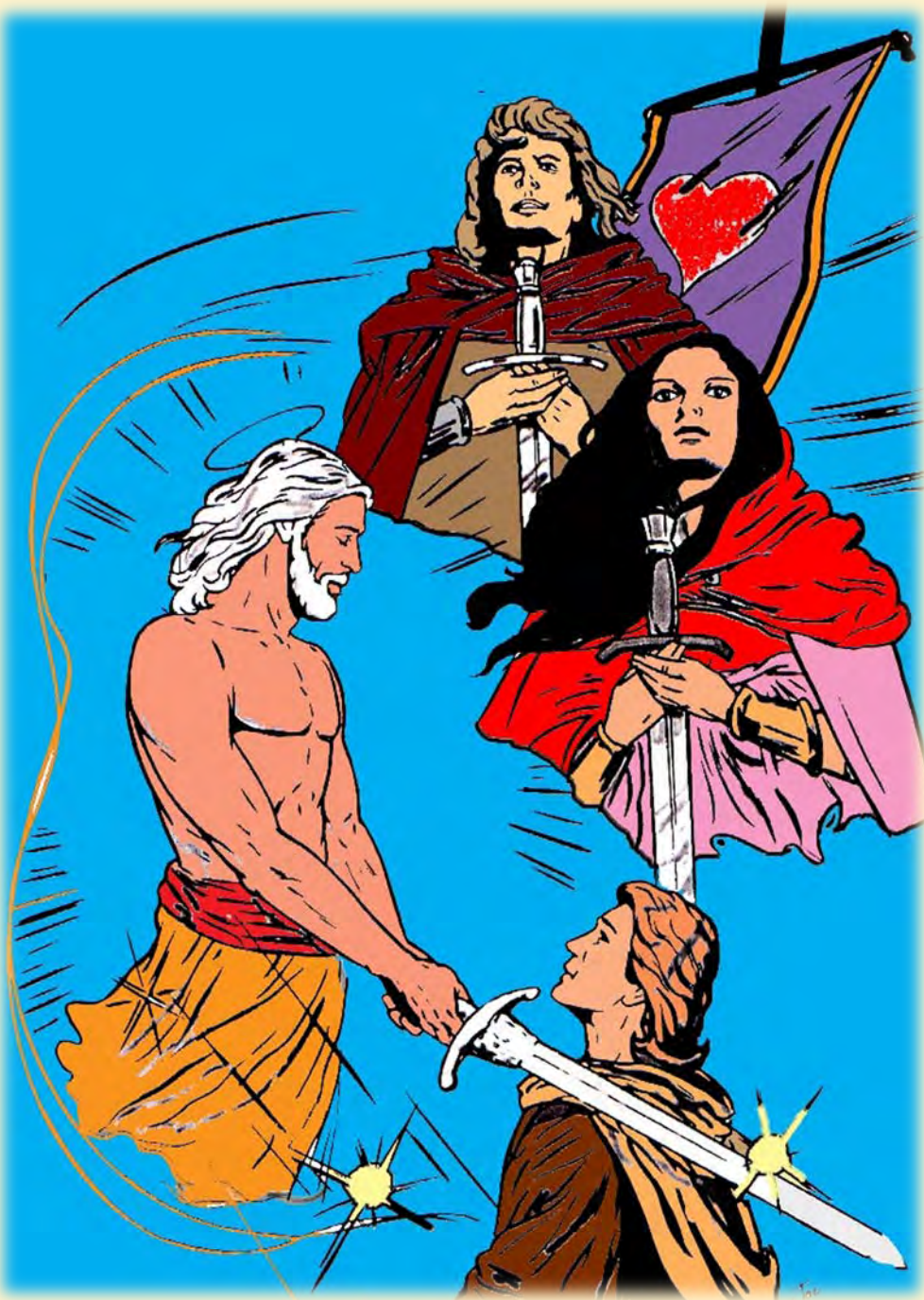
***** DAN.7:18, 22, 27 But the **saints** of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever... the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom...***

... And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints** of the most High, whose kingdom is **an everlasting kingdom**, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

The saints that it is talking about here and in other passages that we will quote in this class are not just those canonized by various churches, such as the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, as “saints,” but rather all those who have received the wonderful “Son of Man” as Jesus is referred to several times in the Bible. His Kingdom will be populated by all those who love Him. The saints that suffered under the Antichrist in the Tribulation seem to receive special mention: **“I saw the souls of them... which had not worshiped the beast... neither had received his mark.” (20:4)**

Yet not only those who were persecuted and killed, but all of God’s saints will rule and reign with Him during the Millennium.





**** REV.3:21** *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. The picture of us sitting upon thrones as rulers in the Kingdom of God on Earth is mentioned frequently in the Scriptures. And as for sitting together with the Lord on His throne, this simply means that we will share the power of the Lord with Him when He reigns on Earth.*

**** REV.5:10** *And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

**** LUK.22:29-30** *And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Mt.19:28)*

**** 1CO.6:2** *Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world? (2Tim.2:12)*

God will engage the services of His saints to help Him govern the world during the Millennium. Many have already been with Him in Heaven and know a lot more about things than we do. They've lived years, centuries, many even millennia in Heaven, so they would have undoubtedly learned much by this time. The great patriarchs and prophets and heroes of the Bible and Christian history are going to be right up next to Jesus and His heavenly counselors. And the Lord is going to put His dedicated followers of today into positions of responsibility.

Too many people have the idea that after Jesus returns they are going to be way off somewhere in Heaven, perhaps floating peacefully on a cloud. But at least some of Heaven, part of the Kingdom of God, is going to be right here on Earth during the Millennium. And God's people are going to be called upon to assist Jesus right here on Earth in our great task of ruling the world.



REV.20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the First Resurrection.

And it says that *“the rest of the dead”*, meaning the unsaved, the unrighteous dead, (because the righteous dead have already been resurrected and raptured to be with the Lord) *“lived not again until the thousand years were finished.”* There is no resurrection of the unsaved, the unredeemed, until this thousand years is finished, until the end of the Millennium, at the Great White Throne Judgement: The only ones who have so far been resurrected and raptured to be with the Lord are the Saints of God, the believers, those who love Jesus. *“This is the First Resurrection,”* meaning that which has already taken place, of the Church, the followers of Christ at the Rapture, obviously the First Resurrection. (Perhaps also *Mt.27:50-53*, see our class of 1st Co. chapter 15)



REV.20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

He therefore has a blessing to give those who take part in the First Resurrection, the Rapture of those gathered to be with Jesus Christ at the end of the horrible Tribulation era, after which the Antichrist's rule will come to an end. We have a glorious, beautiful and wonderful Resurrection. We will be raptured, either from the grave or from the very face of the Earth from the living, as we go to be with the Lord.

**** 1 Thes.4:16-17** *For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*





Verse 6 clearly distinguishes between a first and a second resurrection; so who are the “rest of the dead”? All those who lived through the Millennium and yet at the end of it followed the Devil and were then destroyed, plus all the dead of all ages who were lost and therefore could not take part in the *"First Resurrection"* at Christ's Second Coming. All the people who ever lived, whether good or bad, who had not come to the Savior, will stand at this Great White Throne Judgement of God.

**** REV.20:11, 12, 14** *And I saw a great white throne... And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works... And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

The Bible has a lot more to say about the Kingdom of God on earth. It's very beautiful! It's almost unbelievably beautiful, so marvelous! The Bible is full of descriptions of that beautiful millennial period! It says almost more about THAT than it does about the FIRST Coming of Christ!

It says more about the SECOND Coming of Christ, His rule and reign on the Earth as its King, its Messiah, than it does even about the First Coming! Because this is the purpose of it all! This is the marvelous Happy Ending of it all! This is our reward for loving Him, receiving Him, believing in Him, telling others about Him, and spreading the Good News of His Love.



Don't miss part 2 of this chapter 20: we will go through the books of Isaiah and the Psalms as both the prophet Isaiah and David had a lot to say about the world to come, the Millennium.



You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. The apostle Paul wrote:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Ro.10: 9-10)

If you haven't done it yet, please pray this simple prayer:

"Dear Jesus, I want to know You personally. Please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I receive You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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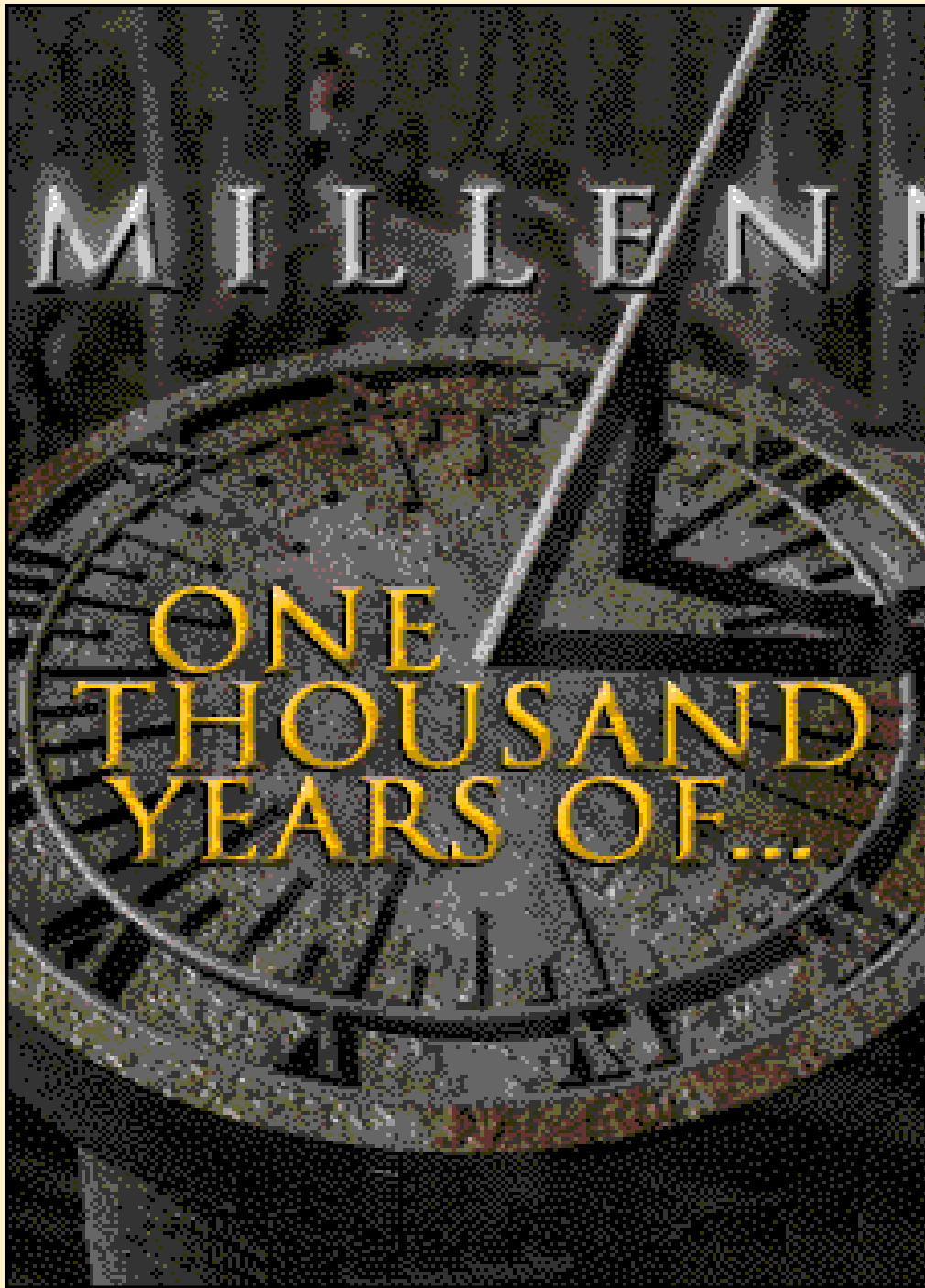
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More on the Millennium

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More on the millennium!

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You'll find very little about the Millennium in the Book of Revelation. It only devotes a few verses in this *chapter 20, verses 2 to 7*, where it mentions this period of a “*thousand years*” six times. But the description of it is very limited. In the writings of the old Jewish prophets, you'll find more about the Millennium than you will in the whole New Testament, believe it or not! There's more about Christ's Messianic Kingdom on earth in the Book of Isaiah than anywhere else in the Bible, but you'll also find quite a bit in the Psalms and other Prophets too. From those relevant passages, we get many tantalizing snapshots of the fantastic future our wonderful God has in store.

Many scholars have written covering this subject in detail, but we'll stick here to the short version, taken mostly from excerpts of Scott McGregor's excellent book, “*From the End to Eternity*”:



“Peace at Last! The current cruel, selfish, dog-eat-dog world, where the strongest and often most unscrupulous prevail, will be gone. Then, under the supreme and powerful rule and reign of Jesus Christ, wars will cease and the world will at last be governed fairly and well with true justice, liberty, peace, plenty, and happiness for all!”

**** Isaiah 2:2-4** Now it shall come to pass *in the latter days* that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **all nations shall flow to it**. Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; **He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.**” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **He shall judge between the nations**, and rebuke many people; **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.** (Also Micah 4:1-3)

“Then the world’s first genuine disarmament will occur, all weapons being converted into instruments of peace. There will be peace on Earth under the reign of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Prince of Peace. Today’s warmongering will be stopped as God *“destroys those who destroy the Earth”* (Rev.11:18). He’s going to stop all war and abolish the military-industrial complex that thrives on it.”

***** Psa.22:27-28 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before [Him]. For the Kingdom is the Lord’s, and He rules over the nations.***

***** Psa.46:9 He makes wars cease to the end of the Earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.***

***** Psa.47:2, 7-8 For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the Earth. For God is the King of all the Earth; sing praises with understanding. God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.***

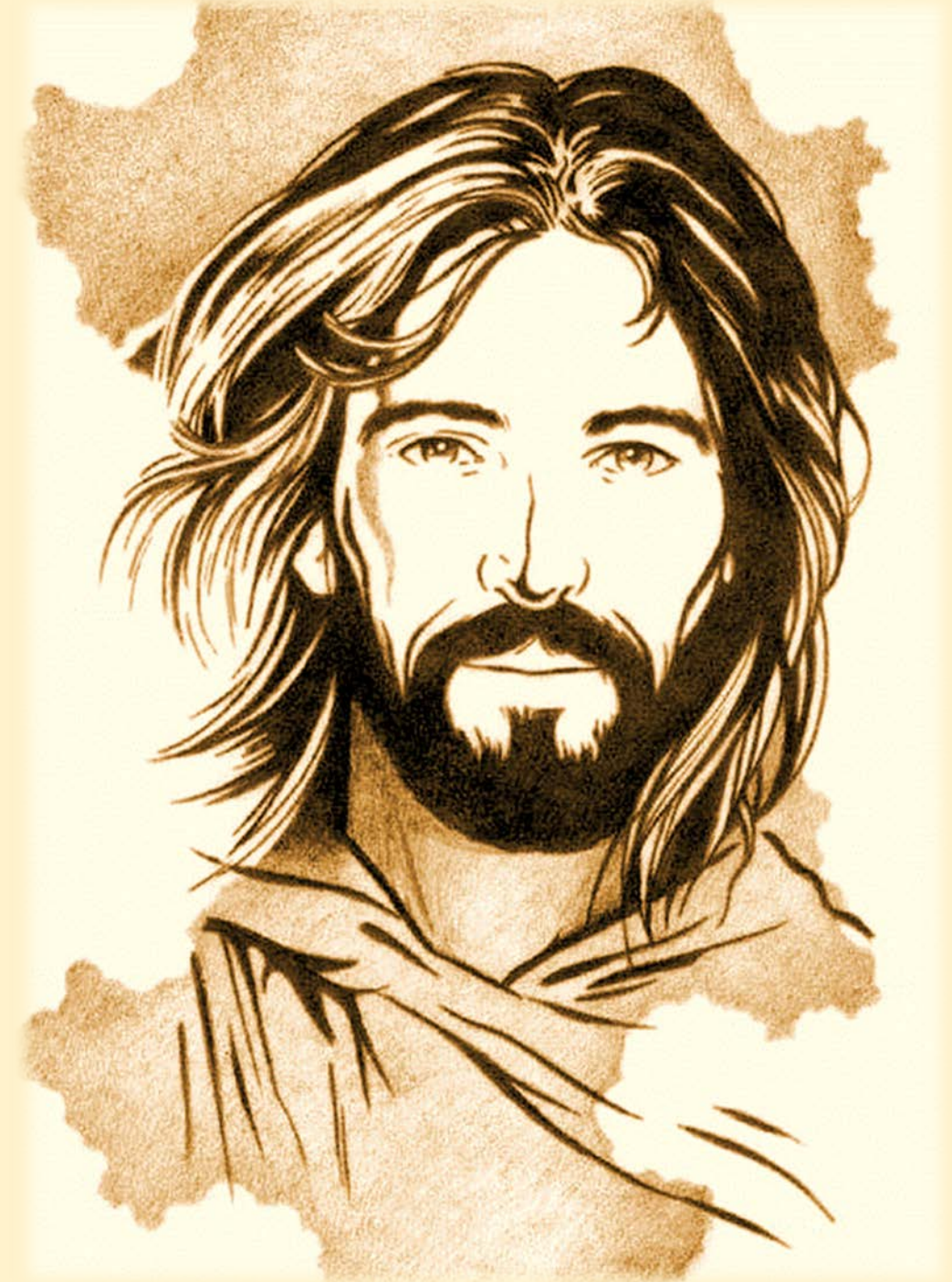


**** Psa.72:4 He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.**

“The world is going to have a righteous Judge and a righteous King who will have a righteous government. —No more corruption, vice, crime, or crooked judges and politicians, but a righteous government and righteous, honest justice for all.”

**** Isaiah 14:5, 7 The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers. ... The whole Earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing.**

**** Isaiah 72:11, 19 All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. ... And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole Earth be filled with His glory.**





“There’ll be no more ruthless and exploitive powers and oppressed poor—only the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, dispensing fairness and justice for all, and eternal happiness forever.”

**** Psalm 96:10-13** Say among the nations, **“The Lord reigns; the world also is firmly established, it shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously.”** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the Earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all its fullness; let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the Lord. For He is coming, **for He is coming to judge the Earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.**

***** Isaiah 11:1-5 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the Earth; He shall strike the Earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.***

“The greatest thrill of all will be that Jesus Himself, God’s Son, will personally be here visibly, ruling and reigning powerfully over the entire Earth. God in the person of Jesus Christ is going to run the world fairly and well, and His angelic helpers and saints are going to assist Him.”



“In Genesis, when Adam and Eve sinned by listening to the Devil in the form of a serpent and disobeyed God, they were then driven out of the Garden of Eden, at which time God pronounced a series of curses, which remain in effect to this day. (*Genesis 3:14-19*) These punishments and handicaps are collectively known as the Curse, and it doesn’t get totally lifted until the New Earth is created at the end of the Millennium. (*Revelation 22:3*) However, it appears from other verses, some of which we will cover in this class, that the Curse is partially lifted during the Millennium.”

“We, the born-again, resurrected saints will be in our new supernatural bodies, (*1co.15:35-55; 1Jn.3:2; Phi.3:19*) but the rest of the World, those who have been spared and blessed enough to survive into the Millennium, are going to be in their natural physical bodies; and they will experience death, which won’t be abolished until the end of these 1000 years.” (v.14)

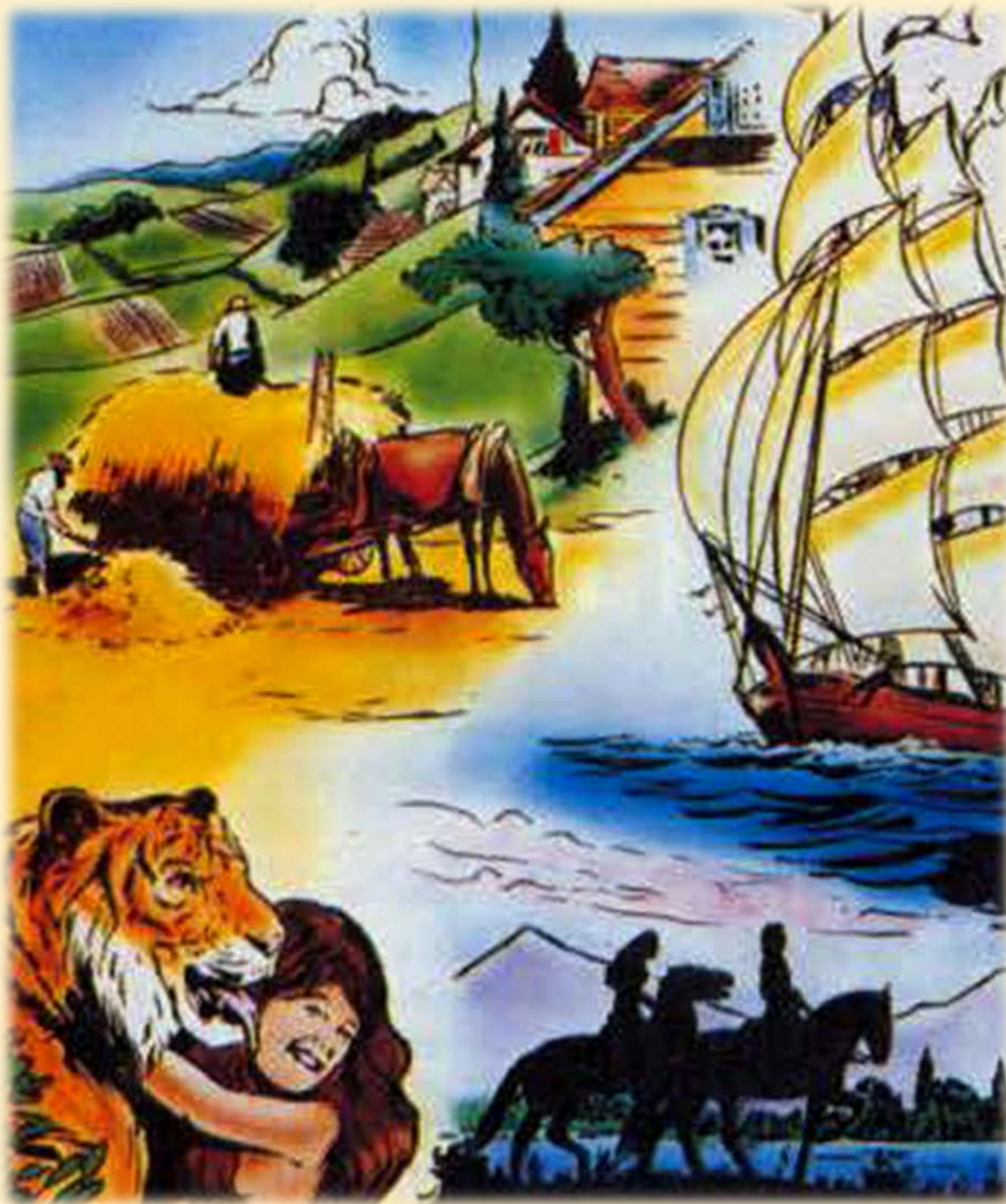


**** 1 Co.15:25-26** For He [Jesus] must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. **The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.**

“However, people are going to go back to living in more natural ways – more quietly and more slowly. All indications are that during the Millennium there will be much less disease and sickness, and people will live much longer than they do today. The Bible says that if anybody dies at 100 years old, they’ll call him just a child.”

**** Isaiah 65:20-23** No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for **the child [In the ESV “child” is translated as “young man”]** shall die one hundred years old. ... They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. **They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;** for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people. And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. **They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.**





“There will be no more enmity between man and the animals, or among the animals themselves.”

**** Isaiah 11:6-9 *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the Earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.***

“After the Flood, God told humankind to eat meat (Ge.9:3) to give them greater strength so that they could survive the rigors of life outside the Garden of Eden. But in the Millennium, if nothing is going to bring pain and hurt, then it would seem that the killing of livestock and game for meat is no longer going to occur.”

“Therefore, we can assume that people will revert to the vegetarian diet that was maintained before the Flood. (Ge.1:29-30) And not only humankind, but all the carnivorous animals will also revert to an herbivorous diet. It appears that the conditions which will make it possible for people to live for hundreds of years will also result in humankind and the carnivorous animals no longer needing meat to survive.”

“Apparently another part of the Curse or consequence of the Fall of Man was a change in the climate. Adam and Eve were created naked, and they needed no clothes until they sinned and left the Garden. Then God had to clothe them with furs and skins of animals (for they felt ashamed of their nakedness).”



“With the curse being alleviated, the climate in the Millennium is likely to be more pleasant overall. As far as we know, the North and South Poles will be frozen and there will probably be tropical and temperate zones. However, the extremes of weather we experience today will most likely be moderated. Interspersed among the prophecies of Isaiah and other prophets are tantalizing glimpses of what the restored Earth shall look like.”

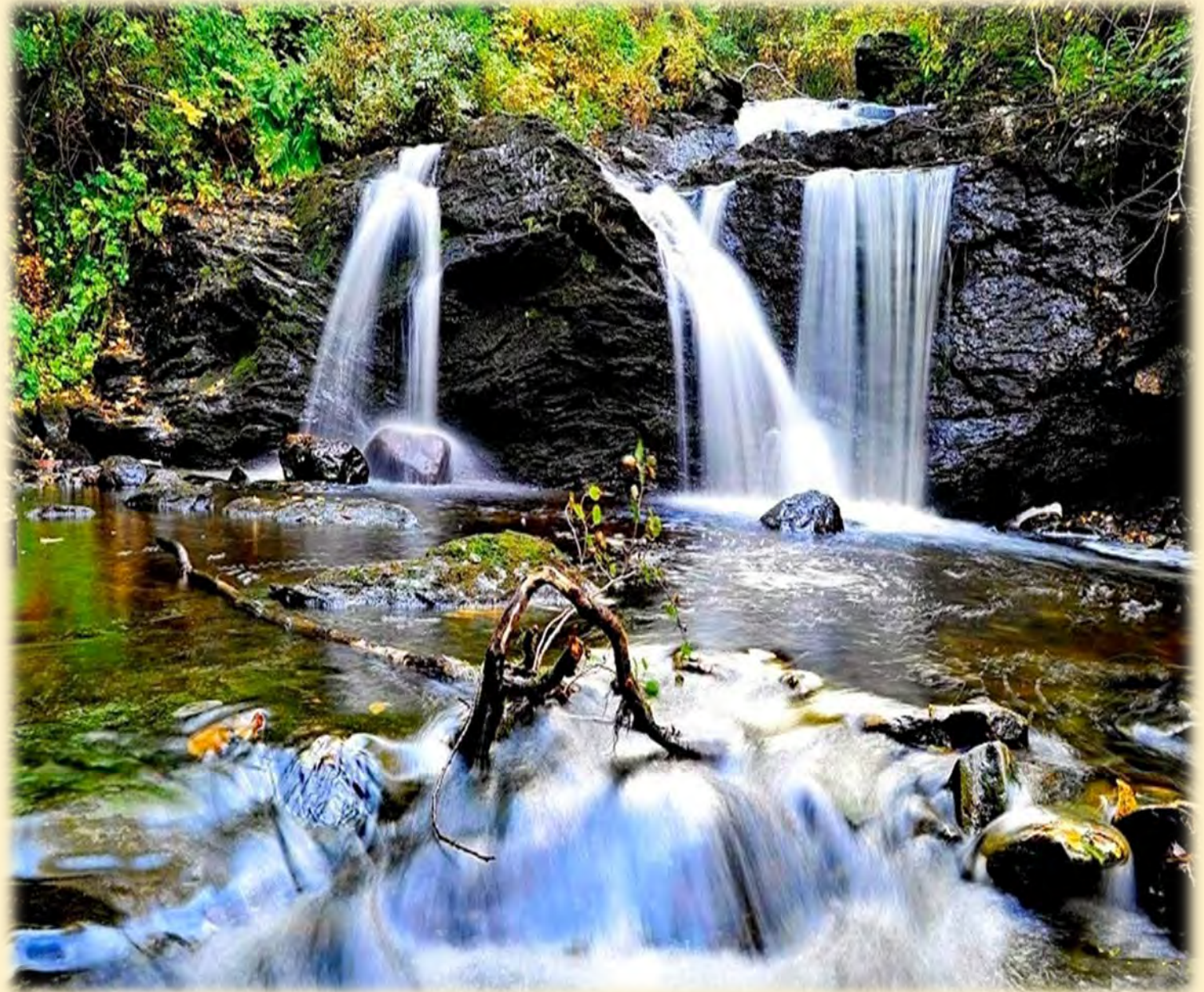


***** Isaiah 35:1-2 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the Excellency of our God.***

“God will restore the arid plains and deserts to their former fertile nature, and they will become lush with vegetation. They will be as glorious as Lebanon once was, when it was covered with beautiful forests of giant cedar trees.

One of the major problems in our current age is the continuing depletion of our potable and fresh water resources. But it looks like the Lord is going to reverse that trend.”

***** Isaiah 35:6-7; 41:18-20 For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes... I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, the myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the cypress tree and the pine and the box tree together, that they may see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.***



There's a Job for Everyone.

“The world will be administered by those who are guided by attributes which modern society considers weaknesses: love, meekness, forgiveness, and faith in God and His Word. Yet they will also have the power and authority, when needed, to enforce God's laws and compel the nations of the Earth to obey His rules of life, love, health, and happiness for a reign of peace on Earth toward men of good will (*Luke 2:14*).”

“You'll use then what you know now: some people have strange ideas about their future in Heaven: “*Oh, I'm going to know everything then, speak any language, and be able to do anything.*” Some people imagine that they're going to suddenly be catapulted into positions of great responsibility, even though they're doing nothing for Jesus and their fellow man now. That's not how it's going to be.”



“But God is going to take the talents that He’s already given people and that they have already developed, He’s going to take the knowledge they have already learned, the experiences they have already been through, the languages they already know, etc. etc. and use all these things.”



“Knowledge is not just going to be handed out on silver platters in the Afterlife. People are not going to suddenly receive some gift of omniscience so that they know everything like God—not even the angels have that. Judging from the Bible, the near-death experiences many people have had, and just common sense and logic, people are going to carry their experiences from this life into the next life. And they’ll build on that knowledge and experience as they continue to learn in Heaven.”

“Jesus is going to use people who lived godly lives, who understand this world and its people, to assist Him in running the world to come, governing it as it ought to be. God’s people will do



their best to teach God’s love to those who have survived the horrible holocaust of the Plagues of the Wrath of God and the Battle of Armageddon. They will be among the administrators and judges whose oversight and judgment will be based on God’s rulebook of love. And just where each of us is going to be and just how much each of us will be trusted with will depend a lot upon how faithful we are to Him and the job He’s given each of us to do here and now!” (See *Luke 19:12-27, Mt. 25:14-30*)

“Right now we are in training for the days when we will rule the earth! --But before we can do that, we must first learn to rule ourselves! So, in a way, God is now having us practice for what is going to be the real thing, and how well we do now is going to have a lot to do with how well we will do in the future.”

“So remember, everything you’re being taught now, doing now, and the decisions you’re making and the lessons you’re learning now, are all a part of your schooling and your training here and now so you can be greatly used by the Lord there and then! If not, a lot of that schooling would be a big waste of time, except for what little we get done here, which isn't very much compared to what we’ll be able to do then! So let's really try to learn our lessons today, learn to be faithful and obedient servants of the Lord now so He can trust and honour us with a place of blessing and usefulness to Him and others tomorrow, in the beautiful Kingdom of God on Earth during the Millennium! -- When you and I will rule and reign with our King of kings, Jesus! Won't that be great? See you there!”

Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please pray this simple prayer:



“Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I receive You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen”

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The Battle of *Gog* and *Magog*

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During the Millennium, half the battle is won, simply because the Lord is here, and the other half because the Devil has been cast into the pit and is not here! Which ought to make it pretty easy for us to run the World without his bad evil influences, with nothing but good spiritual influences to help us.



Think of that! Imagine—no problems with the devil for one thousand years, thank the Lord! It's going to be a much nicer World then, with no more Devil and the curse largely lifted, and it will be a time of peace and prosperity. --A beautiful, wonderful, Heaven-on-Earth! During the Millennium everyone will be reached with the Gospel.



***** Hab.2:14 For the Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.***

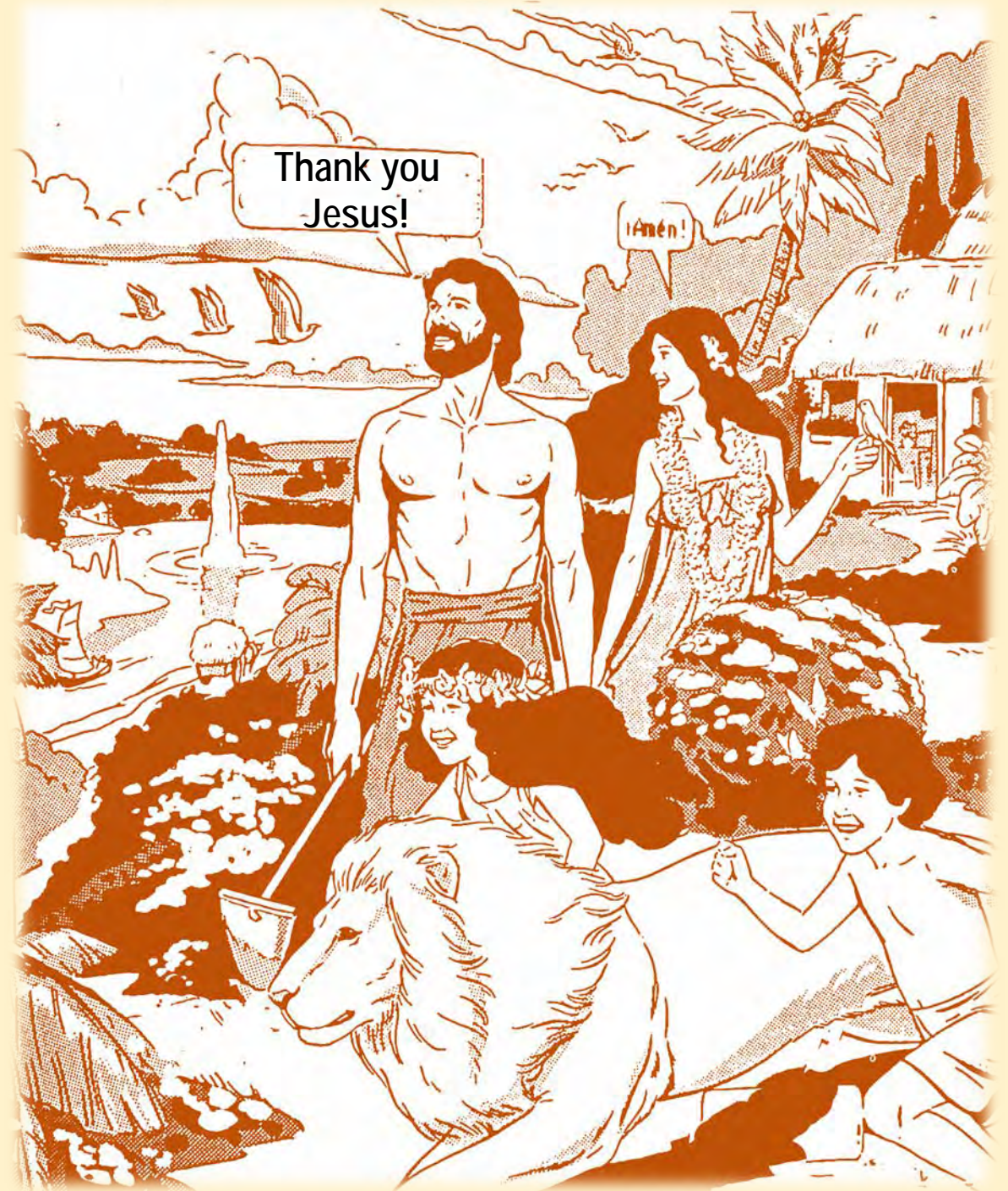
Waters completely cover the sea, and likewise the world will be completely covered with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord and the righteous Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

The Bible says that during the Millennium the Lord “*will destroy on this mountain [His Millennial Kingdom] the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations*” (Isaiah 25:7).

The veil is the veil of misunderstanding, of unbelief, the veil of non-comprehension of spiritual things.

In the face of the visible rule and reign of Christ on Earth, His Second Coming in mighty power and glory, His wiping out of the Antichrist and his Kingdom, and the imprisonment of Satan, it would stand to reason that most who had never heard of Jesus before are going to believe and receive Him.

And most likely there will be many who might have heard something about Jesus, but didn't fully understand, or just couldn't believe until they saw a physical manifestation. To see the Coming of the Lord and His taking over the Earth will be pretty strong persuasion, and probably enough to convince almost anybody to believe.



His Word says: *No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. Jer.31: 34*

Although we won't have to battle with the Devil and his spiritual forces during this millennial period, we'll still have to grapple with the rebellious nature of the willful hearts of people, who will still have free choice to do good or evil. Humanity will still have free will. They will have a choice of whether or not to love God and be kind to their fellow man. Many will, but others won't. There will be people, and apparently even whole nations, that will rebel against the Lord's rule at some point during the Millennium. As a result, there will be drought and famine and other penalties.



**** Zec.14:16-19** And it shall come to pass that everyone **who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem** shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the Earth **do not come up to Jerusalem to worship** the King, the Lord of hosts, **on them there will be no rain.** If the family of Egypt **will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up** to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. **This shall be the punishment** of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.



The Feast of Tabernacles is an old Jewish festival that was observed on the 15th day of the seventh month to commemorate the days of Israel's wilderness wanderings.

Israel's wilderness wanderings



We don't know if this is the actual feast that is being celebrated in the Millennium or whether this is symbolic, or if everyone will need to travel to the physical city of Jerusalem yearly to celebrate it, but what is clear is that those who do not recognize the Lord's authority and worship Him will suffer as a result.



REV.20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

REV.20:8 And shall go out to **deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, **Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle**: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

So Satan then is allowed to get out of his prison in the heart of the earth where he's been for a thousand years, he's allowed to get out very BRIEFLY, just long enough to deceive the nations again, the unconverted people over whom we have been ruling.

Historical hindsight tells us that Satan will present his lies in a palatable a manner, just as he does now, appealing to human selfishness, self-centeredness, pride, and greed. It shows how clever the Devil is and how gullible many people are. How stupid they are to think that they could actually overthrow the Kingdom of Christ after 1,000 years of His supernatural, miraculous, visible, personal reign on Earth!

Think of it: after a thousand years of the reign of Jesus Christ and us personally ruling over them, having learned what real righteousness is and what the Kingdom of God is like, many will still backslide and side themselves with the Devil! After having that much Light, that much time, that much love, that much mercy, they are going to deserve the World's final flood, a flood of fire, which will totally destroy the surface of the Earth and burn them all up!

It will serve as a great lesson to the whole universe that the evildoers, once they have decided to be evil, will remain evil! This great Millennial Drama on Earth will manifest the heinous sin of the confirmed rebels, the utter reprobates. Like many of the Scribes and Pharisees, the religious-political leaders of Jesus' day, even though they saw Jesus, watched Him perform miracles, heard His Words, saw the results and everything--even saw Him raise the dead and saw Him raised from the dead--they still rejected Him and wouldn't receive Him as their Messiah! (In ancient Israel, the religious leaders were also the political leaders.)





Jesus said, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets"—the written Word of God—"neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead!" (Lk.16:31.)

Millions are going to come back from the dead, perhaps billions, (at the First Resurrection or Rapture), yet they're not going to be persuaded! God's going to rule over them personally in the form of Jesus Christ for a thousand years, and yet they will not receive Him!

"Let favour be showed to the wicked," *Isaiah* says, "and yet they will not learn righteousness!" (Is.26:10.) – They will not repent!

The events in **verse 8**, the rebellion at the end of the Millennium, will be the last trial for the human race. For the many who have said, *“If only I could see God, then I would believe!”*, here is the ultimate test of those words. At this point in history, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Himself God, will have been physically on earth, visible to all, for 1000 years. Humanity will have seen God for all that time.

When the Enemy has been released, what will the people of this world do? If they turn away, as apparently many of them will, it simply shows that His personal presence is not the key factor; rather it is their love, humility, and willingness to receive Him that really counts.



“Follow me and you
will be as gods!”

You'll notice Gog and Magog are mentioned here. It is also in the book of *Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39*, and it is a prophecy about the battle of Armageddon according to most scholars. But be careful you don't get these two battles mixed up, because although they both involve "*Gog and Magog*", they are a thousand years apart!

**** EZE.38:1-2** *And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him...*

The battle of Armageddon is led by "**Gog**"--a name given to the Antichrist in Ezekiel 38--from "*the land of Magog*" and occurs near the end of the Wrath of God period. The fact that Gog and Magog feature in both the Battle of Armageddon at the beginning of the Millennium and the Battle of Gog and Magog at the end of the Millennium shows that it is going to be an attempted revival of the same empire, the same forces over which the Antichrist and the False Prophet ruled. Only this time, the Devil won't be using the body of a man as he did with the Antichrist, but the Devil himself will personally try to revive his anti-Christ satanic kingdom, the kingdom of Gog and Magog that he had before the Millennium.





Remember, a lot of the people that we're going to be ruling over are really hang-overs, leftovers from the Antichrist's kingdom who somehow managed to live through the Wrath of God and survive it and will still be around when we start ruling and reigning with the Lord over all the Earth. And in spite of the visible, all-powerful Kingdom of Christ on Earth for a thousand years, an awful lot of these people are obviously still not going to submit to the authority of Christ and will again be deceived and misled to follow the Devil when he comes back at the end of the Millennium.

In addition, there will be multitudes born during the Millennium who had never experienced life in the previous Age and the influence of the forces of spiritual Darkness. This is just speculation, but perhaps these will be captivated, all too easily, by Satan when he arrives on the scene at the end of the Millennium.

So this battle of Gog and Magog is like the Devil's second coming! --He comes back to lead his people again, and they certainly will be his people if they are persuaded to rebel against the loving rule and reign of Christ in the Earth! Imagine, even after a thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ in person, with us as His personal officers, police and guardian angels, they will still rebel against the King of kings and His Heavenly Kingdom on Earth!

**** *PSA.2:1-5* Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**



He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

REV.20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the **beloved city**: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

And what about this "*camp of the saints*" that the devil's forces compass about and surround? --Is that referring to us, the resurrected saints of God, who have been ruling the Earth for the past thousand years? If we are already "*equal unto the angels*" (Lk.20:36), as Jesus said we'd be, then we wouldn't have to be "*camped*" down on the ground and threatened by the forces of evil and natural human beings under the leadership of the Devil! They couldn't touch us! We will have supernatural, immortal, untouchable, resurrection bodies!



Now remember, it appears from the Bible's description of the Millennium that there are going to be many who will receive Christ's kingdom on earth, will obey and will be blessed by the Lord, in spite of the many others who rebel.



And it sounds like those who come into faith, belief and loyalty to God will be the ones who make up this camp of the saints at the Battle of Gog and Magog! --The nations and the forces who are loyal to us and the Lord, who will resist Satan and his renegade, reprobate rebel forces!

Here's a whole new breed of Christians, a whole new race of Christian mortals having to again withstand the anti-Christ forces! It even calls them Gog and Magog again, as it's almost the exact same situation, and they are again led by the Devil and his demons! --The rebels of the Millennium, fighting against the obedient, regenerated citizens of the Millennium!

And this time God is so fed up with them that He just sends down fire out of heaven to devour them completely! He annihilates all the anti-God, anti-Christ evildoers remaining upon the face of the Earth! In fact, He causes such a cataclysmic fire to come down from Heaven that it will wipe out the entire Earth! Not the ball itself, but the entire surface of the Earth will be completely burned over, burned out, purified from all the criminal stains, junk, and pollution of the past, and God will start all over again with a new creation, as we'll read in the next chapter! --A New Earth! (*Rev. 21*)





He promised never to destroy the world again with a flood of water, (**Genesis 9:11**) but this time, at the very end, He's going to destroy it with a flood of fire! He's going to purify it and destroy the pollution, the germs, the contamination, the evildoers, the curse, all evil, and remake the surface of the Earth into another Garden of Eden.

**** 2PE.3:5-7** *For this they **willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished**: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.***

**** 2PE.3:10-13** But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and **the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.** Seeing then that all these things **shall be dissolved**, ...looking for and hasting unto the coming of **the day of God**, wherein the **heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

**** REV.6:14** And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

The Heavens shall be rolled back like a scroll, he says, and depart with a great noise! It's all going to explod, burn up, and the whole surface of the ball is going to be completely re-created!





We know it will only burn up and destroy the surface of the Earth and the atmospheric heavens, because God's Word says that the Earth is established forever! (*Ps.78:69.*) God will then rebuild a new World on the ashes of the old, and His great holy City will be able to safely come down through the New Heaven to rest upon the New Earth where God will dwell forever with humankind! (*Rev.21*)

REV.20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (See *Isaiah 14:12-19*)

This verse shows that some are cast immediately into the Lake of Fire. Some are so bad, their judgement won't even wait.

**** JOH.12:31** *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

**** ROM.16:20** *And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.*

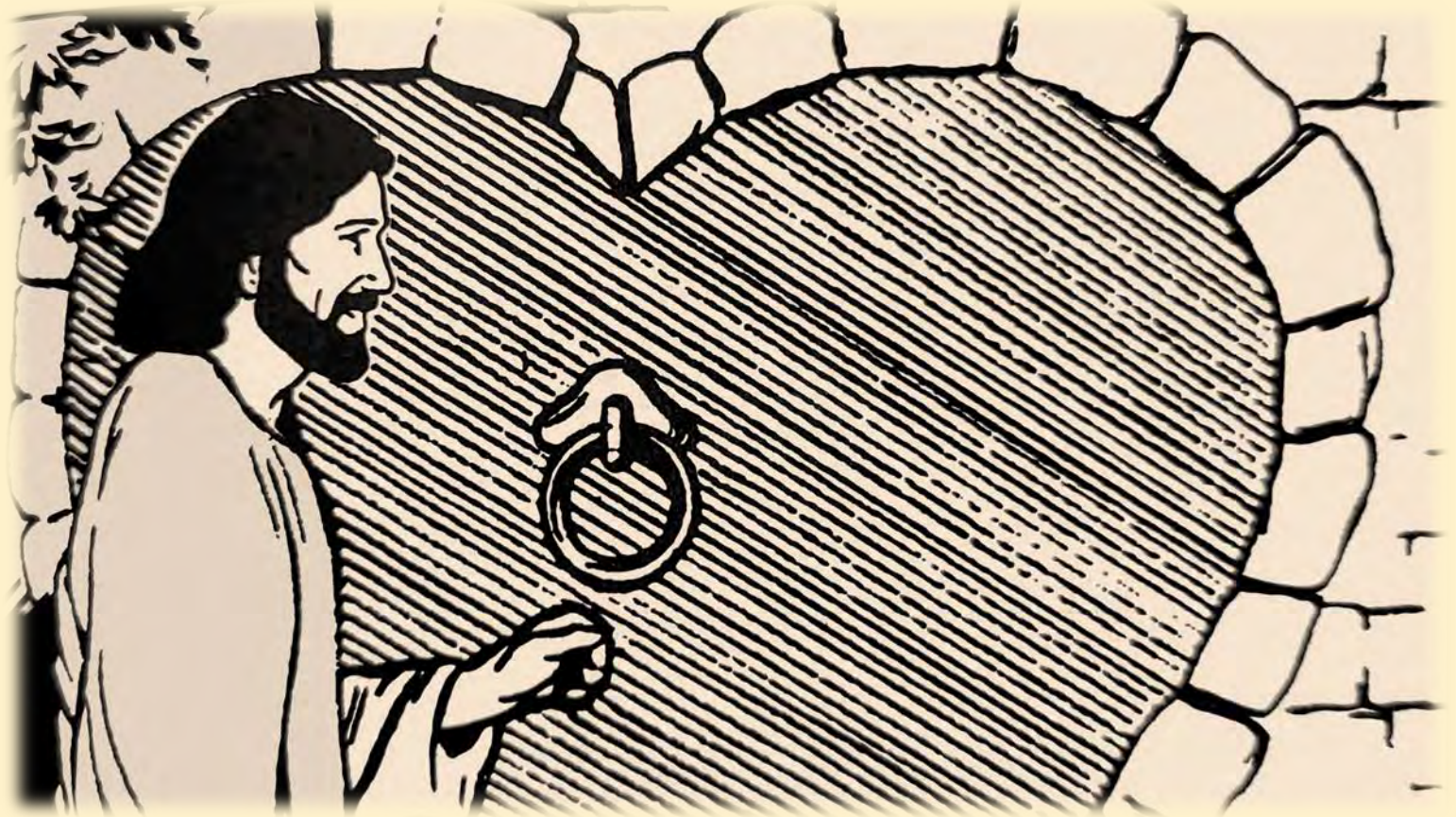
In the next and last part of this chapter 20, we will go through the tremendous event of the Great White Throne Judgement. You don't want to miss this study.

**You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.
Jesus says:**

"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"



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The Great White Throne Judgement!

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Let's begin with a review of the chronology of the events we already covered in chapters 19 and 20. It says in the 19th chapter that after or during the Battle of Armageddon, the Beast and the False Prophet are cast directly into the Lake of Fire but that the remnant of their followers, those with the Mark of the Beast, were only slain at this time, not thrown into the lake of fire. They apparently are not yet judged until after the millennium.



Satan is bound during the thousand-year Millennial Reign of Christ on the Earth, and after 1000 years, Satan is loose and leads the rebels against the camp of the saints in the Battle of Gog and Magog. Then Satan is immediately cast into the lake of fire, where the Beast and the False Prophet have been.

Now from verse 11 to 15, we will see the fate of their followers as well as of all the unsaved dead from the beginning of history -- the Final Judgement. Some



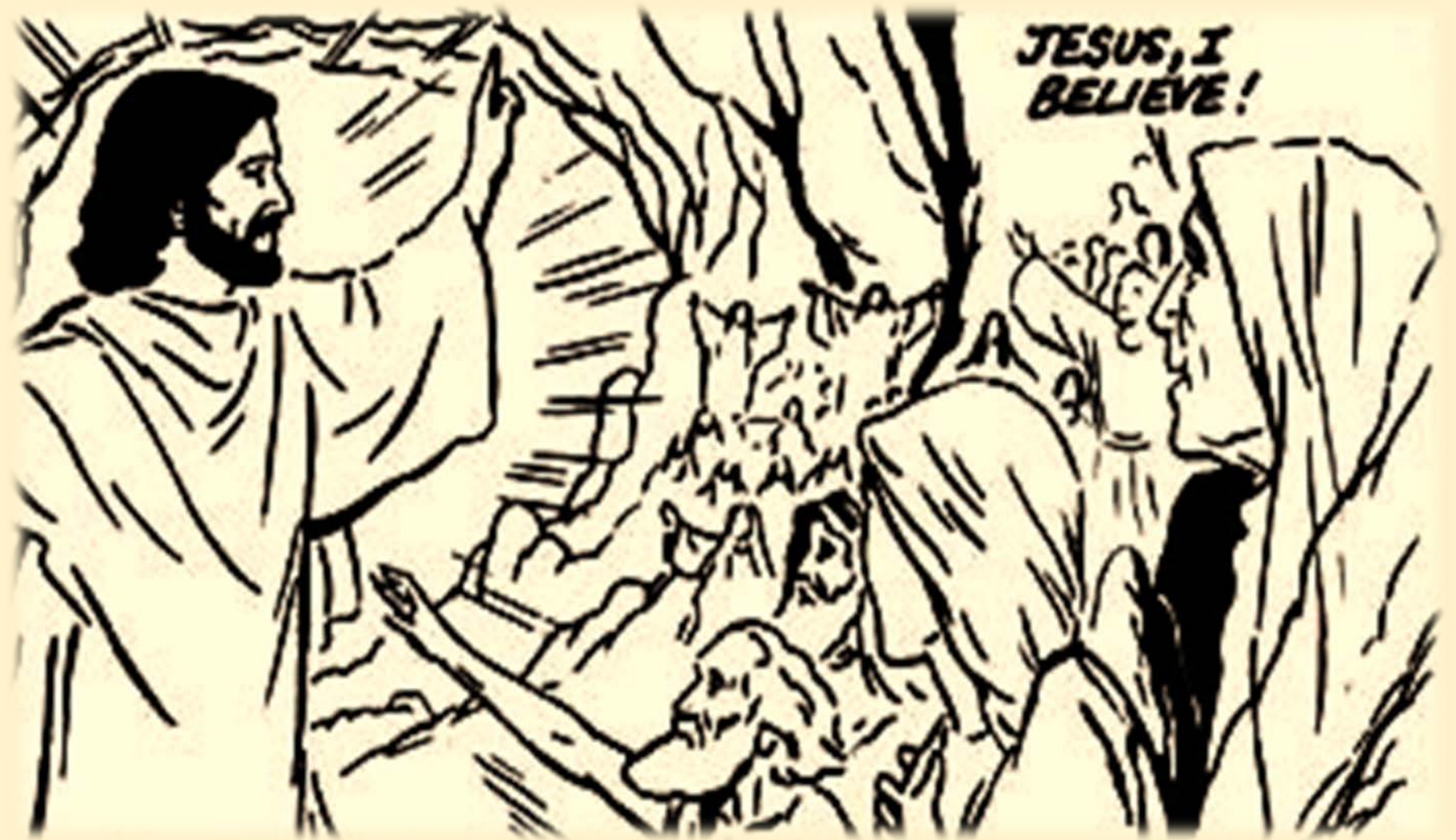
are already so evil that their judgement has already been settled ahead of time, and the minute they die, they go straight to Hell! With others it's almost as though they're put on probation for a period in the Afterlife until the Final Judgement of all the unsaved at the Great White Judgement Throne.

Perhaps God puts them on probation to see what they will do, if they're going to repent when they realize that there actually is an Afterlife and a time of accountability regarding their sojourn in the earthly realm.

When Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison (in Hell) after His Crucifixion, it is obvious that He wasn't just wasting His time, and many of those spirits were ready to repent and move towards the Light of God. (See verses below.) So there must be some period of probation and a **"second chance"** for those who will receive it then.

**** MAT.12:40** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; **so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

**** 1PE.3:19-20** By which also **he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;** Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited **in the days of Noah**, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.



**** 1PE.4:6** For this cause was **“the gospel”** preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

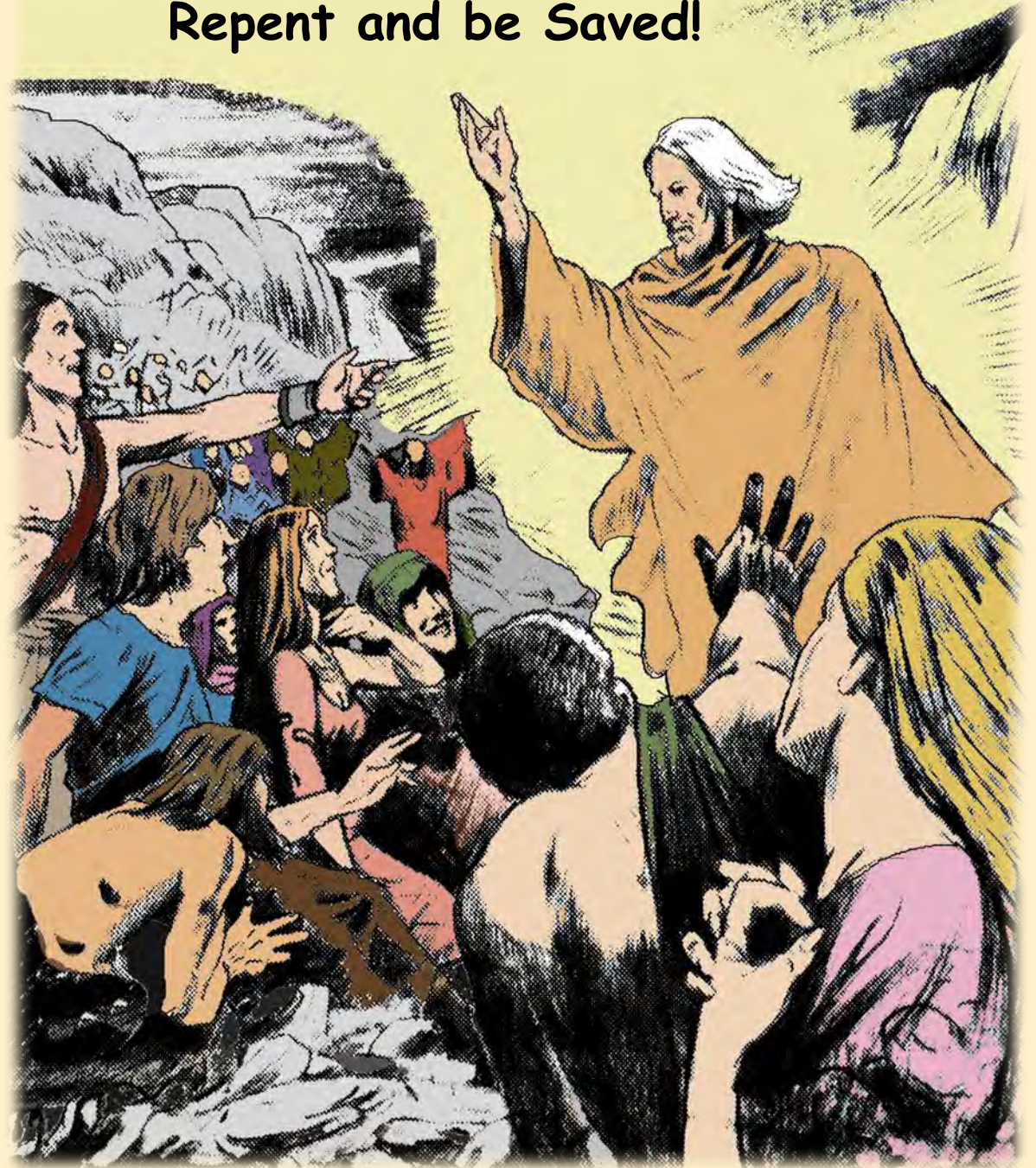
**** EPH.4:9** Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

God’s Word says that “the Lord ... is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

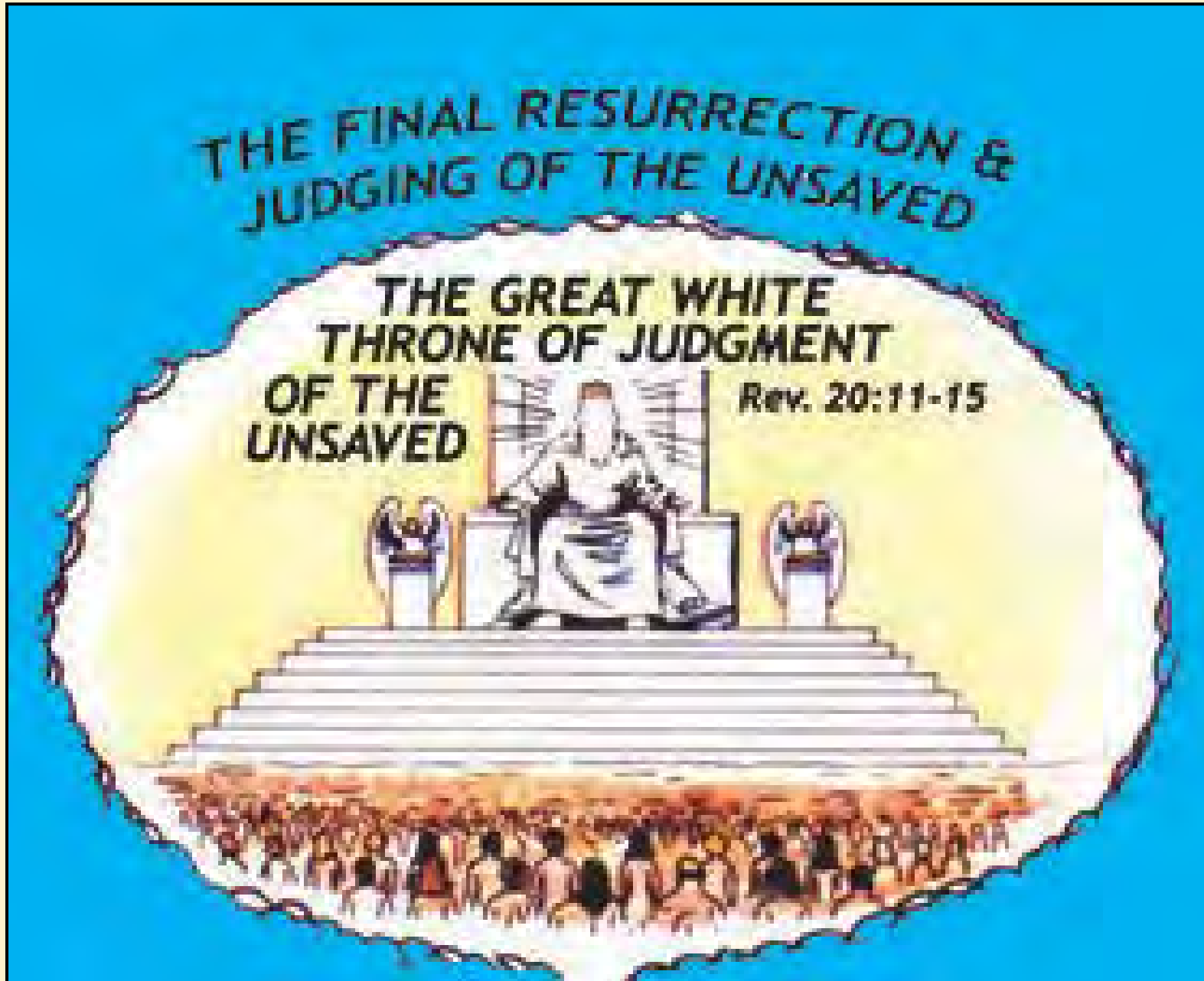
To show His love to all men, He sent Jesus to live, die and suffer for us:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved”. (John 3:16-17)

Repent and be Saved!



REV.20:11 And I saw **a great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

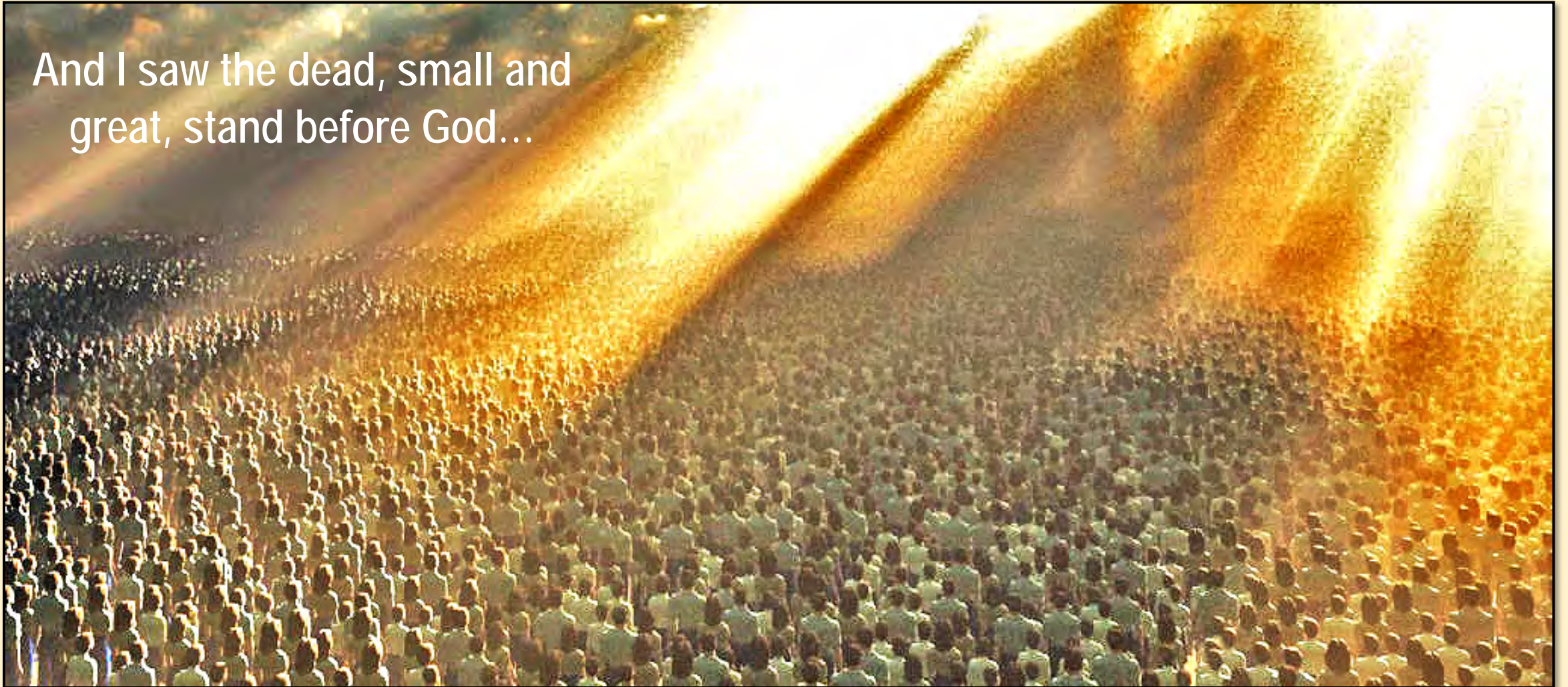


We know from our previous studies that all of the children of God of all ages, who have been re-born and saved by the Spirit, will be raptured and resurrected before the Millennium, at the end of the Great Tribulation period when Jesus comes and gathers together His Church, His Bride, to be with Him forever! We also know that they will then *"live and reign with Christ for a thousand years"* on the Earth. (Rev.20:4) – But what about the billions of unsaved people of all ages, what has become of them?

"The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." (Rev.20:5)

The Great White Throne Judgment is for the rest of the dead, all the dead of all ages who were not re-claimed by the Lord, and therefore were not resurrected at Christ's Second Coming. It includes all those who lived through the Millennium and yet followed the Devil at the end of it and were then destroyed in the Battle of Gog and Magog. All the people who ever lived, if not re-claimed or saved, whether they were good or bad in their earthly lives, will have to stand at this Great White Throne Judgment of God.

And I saw the dead, small and
great, stand before God...



REV.20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (See *Dan.7:9, 10, 26, 27; Mt.25:31-46*)

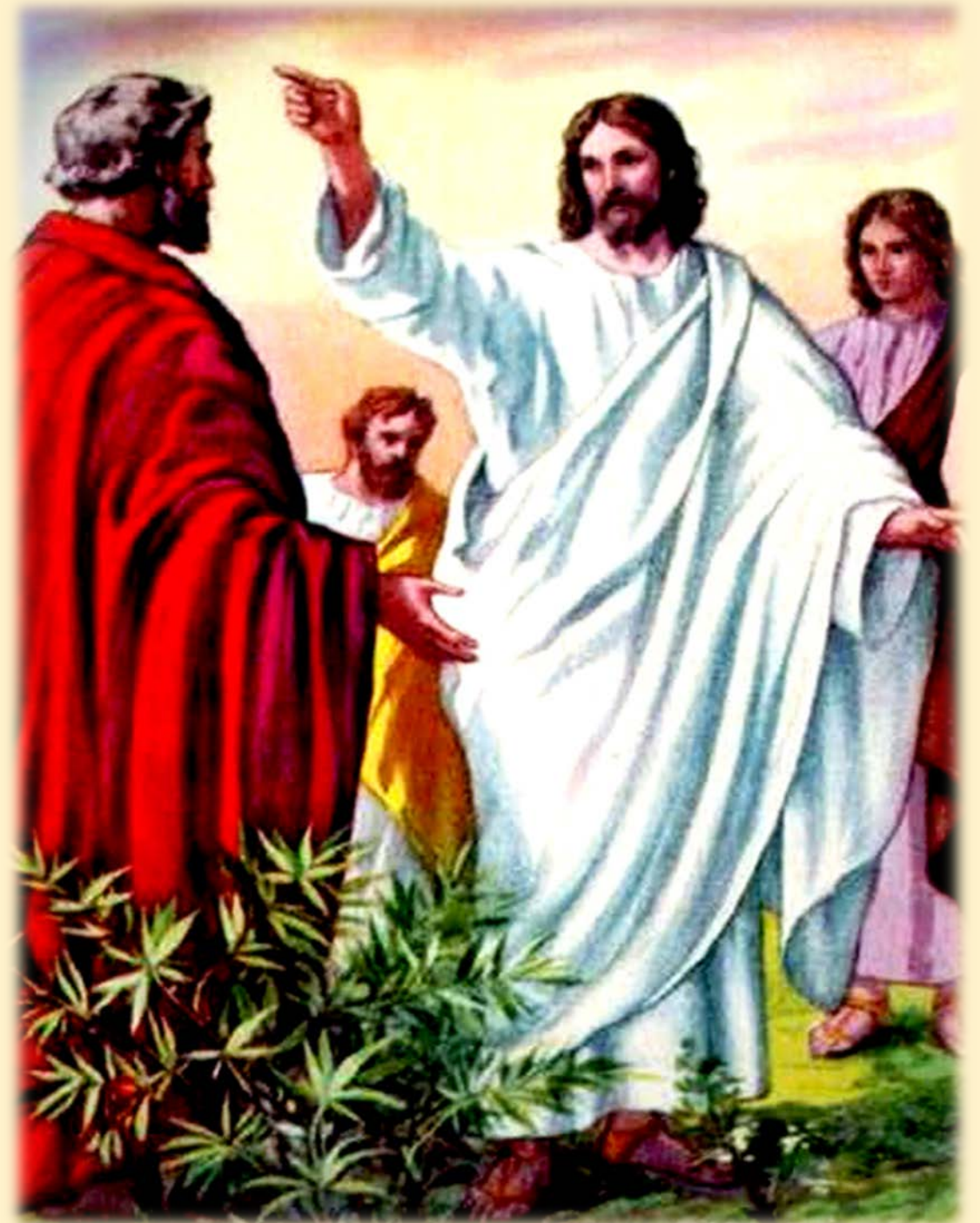
So it is then, at the end of the Millennium after the battle of Gog and Magog, that the great Second Resurrection takes place, the "*resurrection of damnation*", as Jesus called it, which is better translated as the "*resurrection of judgement*". (*Jn.5:29*) At this time all of the unsaved dead are finally raised to stand before God Himself in the great final Judgement in which they are all given their final sentences and are assigned to their final places in the hereafter. These verses are clear – all the dead, those who accomplished some good in life and those who did not, will stand before the Lord. "**Standing**" implies awareness, as they are brought before Him. They are not asleep; they're alert and waiting. Jesus Himself said:



**** John 5:24-29** *Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.***

Those, therefore, who already belong to the Lord (the saved) are not being judged at this Judgment.

*Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, **when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.** For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in **the graves will hear His voice and come forth**—those who have done good, to the **resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil, to **the resurrection of condemnation.***



The author of Revelation says that he saw several books, a lot of books.

“And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life”—a very important book.

“And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books”.

These *“books”* could be their own memories and consciences, or records that God keeps of their words and works. As the Bible states, *“The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping*

watch on the evil and the good”. (Pro.15:3)

Certainly, God is able to access people’s memory banks and run through their entire lives, in a fraction of a second if necessary, and judge everything they’ve ever done. So this *“opening of the books”* might be the Lord reading off everything everyone’s ever done, in order to judge him or her fairly.



Wherever anyone is, Jesus Himself made it clear that they which know the Lord's will, yet still disobey and do things requiring correction, shall receive severe chastisement! But those who did not know His Will and yet did things that require correction shall receive light chastisement.

**** Lk.12:47,48** *And that servant, which knew his Lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to His will, shall be **beaten with many stripes**. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be **beaten with few stripes**. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.*

It's obvious that some are going to be chastised worse than others, and some are going to get very little chastisement, if any! Others are going to get plenty, just what they deserve, but no more! God is going to make a difference and judge everybody justly, righteously and mercifully, according to their works!



There's so much in the Word of God showing that there will be degrees of penalties or chastisement just as there are degrees of reward. God is just, God is thorough and *"every man will be rewarded according to his works"*! (See Ps.62:12; Jer.17:10; Mt.16:27; 2Co.5:10; Rev.2:23; 22:12)

So their being *"Judged according to their works"* simply means that they will be rewarded or penalized according to how good they were, or how bad they were, and obviously there's going to be a difference!

"For the work of a man shall He render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways. Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgement." (Job 34:11, 12)

God is just, fair and righteous, everybody is going to get exactly what they deserve and need.



REV.20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and **death and hell delivered up the dead** which were in them: and **they were judged every man according to their works.**

Again, here we see the **Second Resurrection**, of all the unsaved dead, some of whom have been confined to the bottom of the sea and other places as ghosts and spirits! --Apparently the punishment, or at least the temporary probation, that some of the unsaved dead are given is to be assigned to or stick around near their dead body or their former habitat, etc. But during this Second Resurrection, all of these **"rest of the dead"** come up from everywhere! --Out of the sea, out of the graves, from past aeons of time--all the lost souls that ever lived! **"Death and hell delivered up the dead."** The word hell here is from the Greek word **"Hades"** and is not the **"lake of fire,"** but is rather the equivalent of the Hebrew **"Sheol,"** rendered variously as **"grave," "hell"** and **"pit"** in Scripture. The original meaning of the words

Hades and Sheol is **"the unseen state"** and describes the temporary place of lost souls, --All those who lost their way during the past 6,000 years of Earthly History, plus all those who lost their way during the Millennium! —they are all going to be raised in this Second Resurrection to stand before the Great White Throne Judgement and be judged out of the Books!

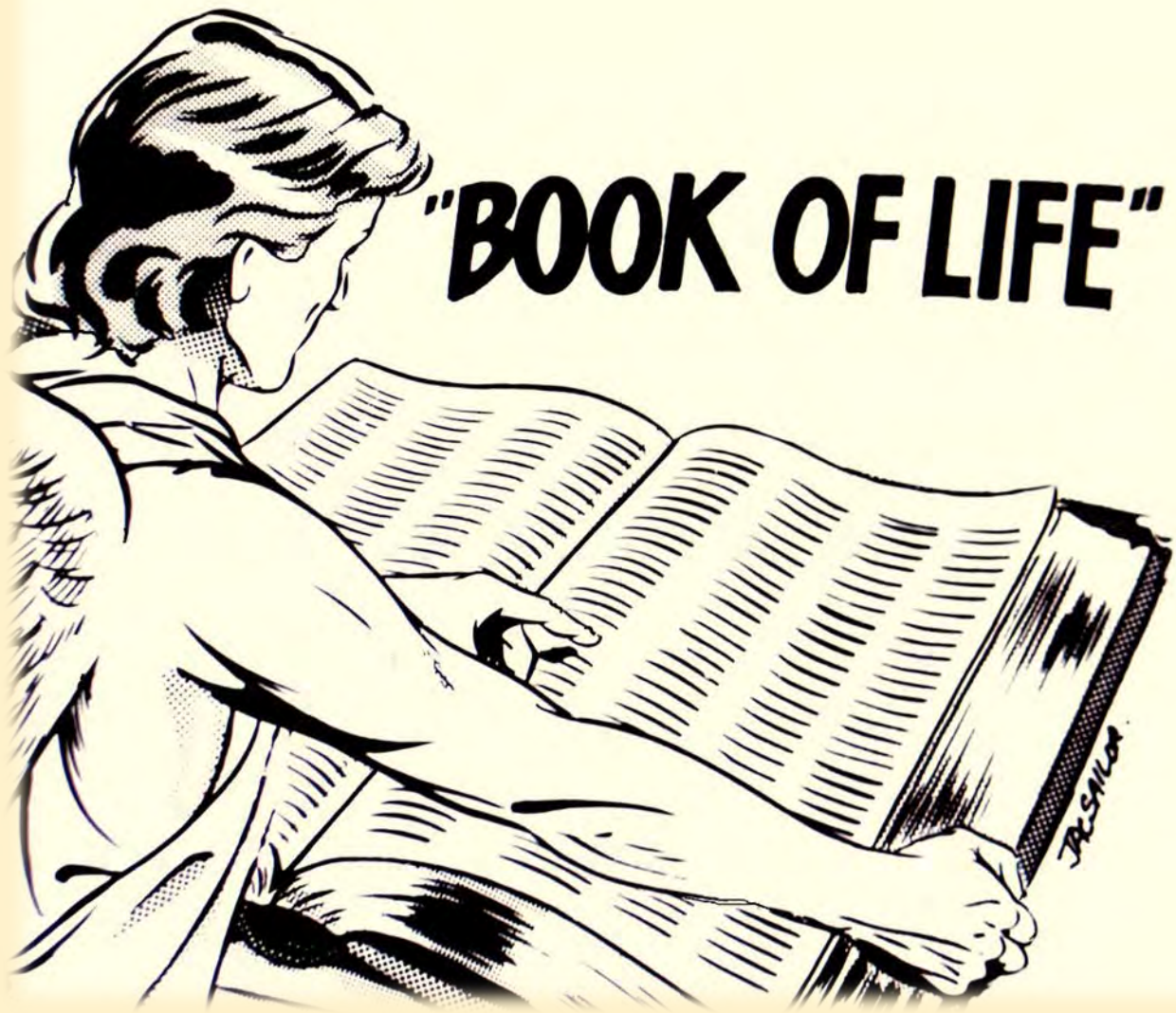
REV.20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

If you are born twice, first time physically, second time spiritually—you will only die once! Because you will only die the physical death once and your spirit will live on in that Heavenly Realm. Jesus died in spiritual torment so your spirit would not have to suffer the same. But He says for the sinners, those who reject Christ, even in the Afterlife (*John 5:25,28-29*), their sins cannot be forgiven, and the Lake of Fire will be their destination. At the end of the Millennium, all the souls who were not part of the First Resurrection are going to be raised from the dead at the Last Judgment and judged according to their works. Some will be sent to the Lake of Fire and some will go to live outside the Heavenly City. (*Rev.22.*) ***"And this is the second death!"*** Why? Because they were born only once and were never re-born. When you receive Jesus, this is a new birth for your spirit, you're a new inner man. So, if you're born twice, you only die once--death to the body but the spirit is free, the spirit lives on in that Heavenly Realm. But if you're only born once and you're not born again, you must endure the ***"second death"***.



What that may entail is something we can only speculate on. For some it may be nothing more than a “*holding cell*” type of situation, while for some it could be more serious - a purgatorial time of re-training.

REV.20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.



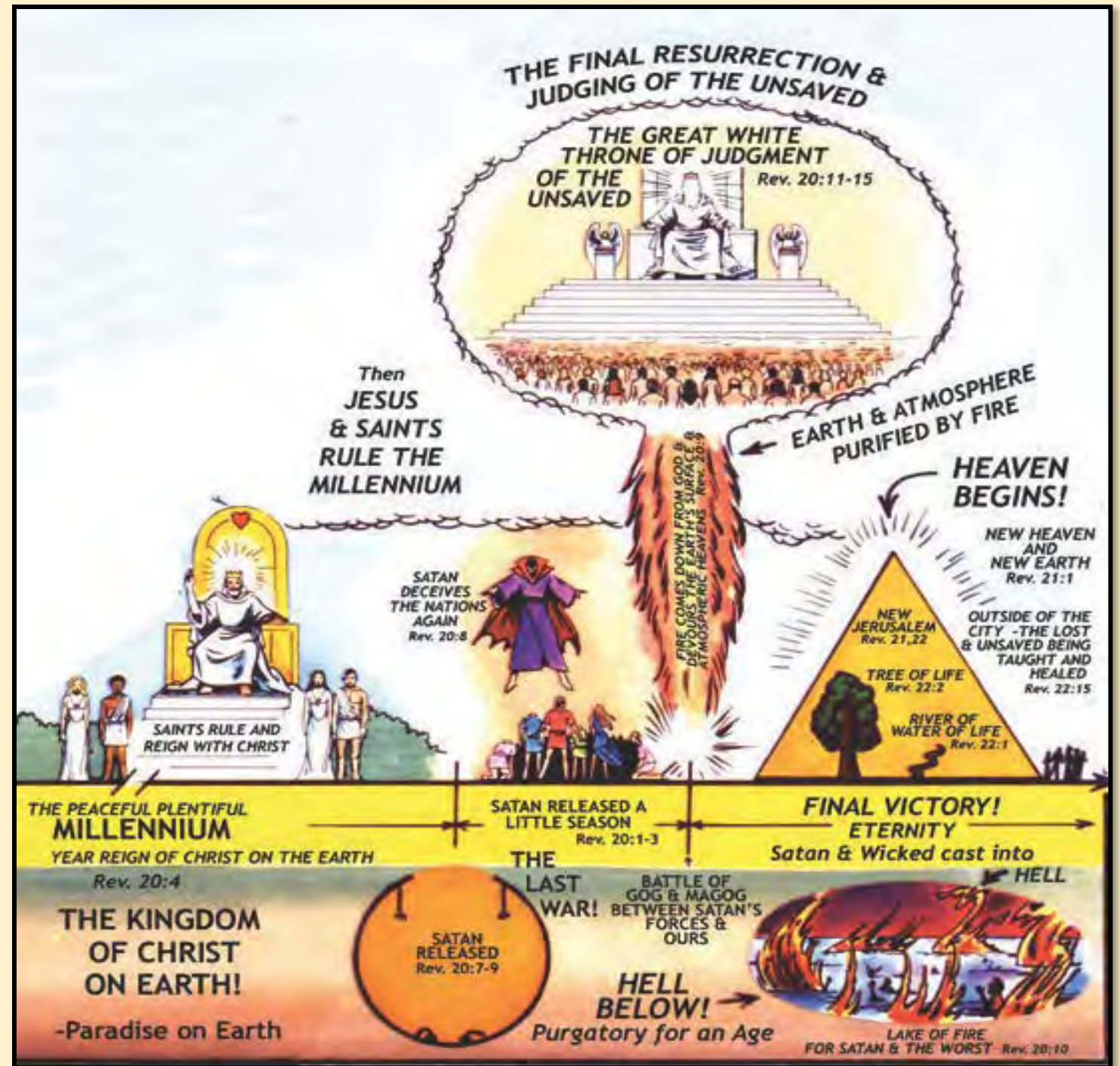
Here is an observation:

Earlier we learned that one of the "*books*" which was opened at this Great Judgement Throne was the "*book of life*", which you'll find out now is a very, very important book. Because after Death and Hell are cast into the Lake of Fire, we learn,

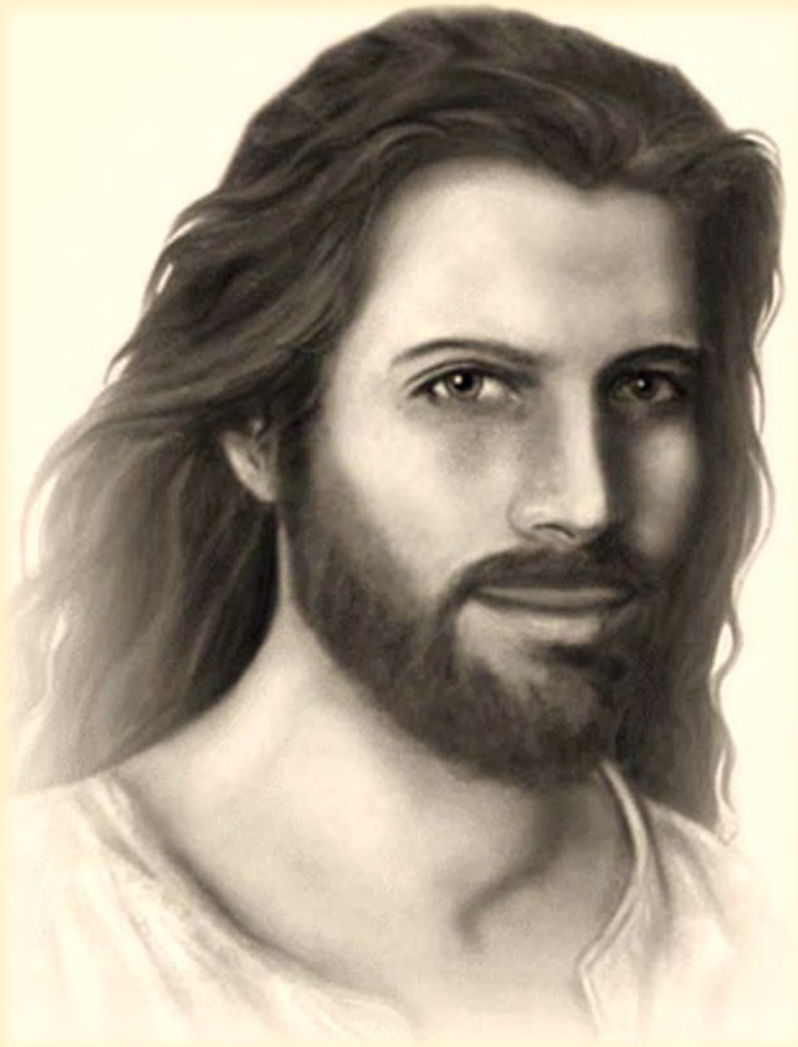
"And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire!"

It does not say that they were ALL cast into the lake of fire. It says, "*And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life*", in other words, apparently there's going to be another dividing at the last Great White Throne Judgement between the sheep and the goats, between those who deserve Hell and those who don't!

But if the Book of Life contains only the names of those who were saved in this life, as many preachers have taught, why bring it out at this Great White Throne Judgement of the unsaved? --Just to prove they're not in there? If none of these people are going to be spared at all from Hell, why in the world would the Lord need to open this Book at all? If everyone written in the Book of Life is already saved, already raptured, already in Heaven, and none of these folks at this Judgement are written in there and it's just a bare blank book, then why bother? Now don't forget, only the unsaved are present at this Great White Throne Judgement. Nevertheless, a difference is made among these un-reclaimed souls. There are those who are destined for life on the New Earth, but those not found in the Book of Life are cast into the Lake of Fire.



Note: Do not worry if you don't understand every detail. The important thing is to get a general picture of these extraordinary End-Time events and to be reassured that God loves you and you are in His loving and powerful hands. The best is yet to come in the last two chapters of Revelation, the glorious picture of Heaven and your eternal reward.



Are you going to be part of the first resurrection? Do you want to be born twice? You can. Jesus said:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” Jn.3:5-7

If you haven't done it yet, be born twice by praying the following:

"Dear Jesus, I want to know you; please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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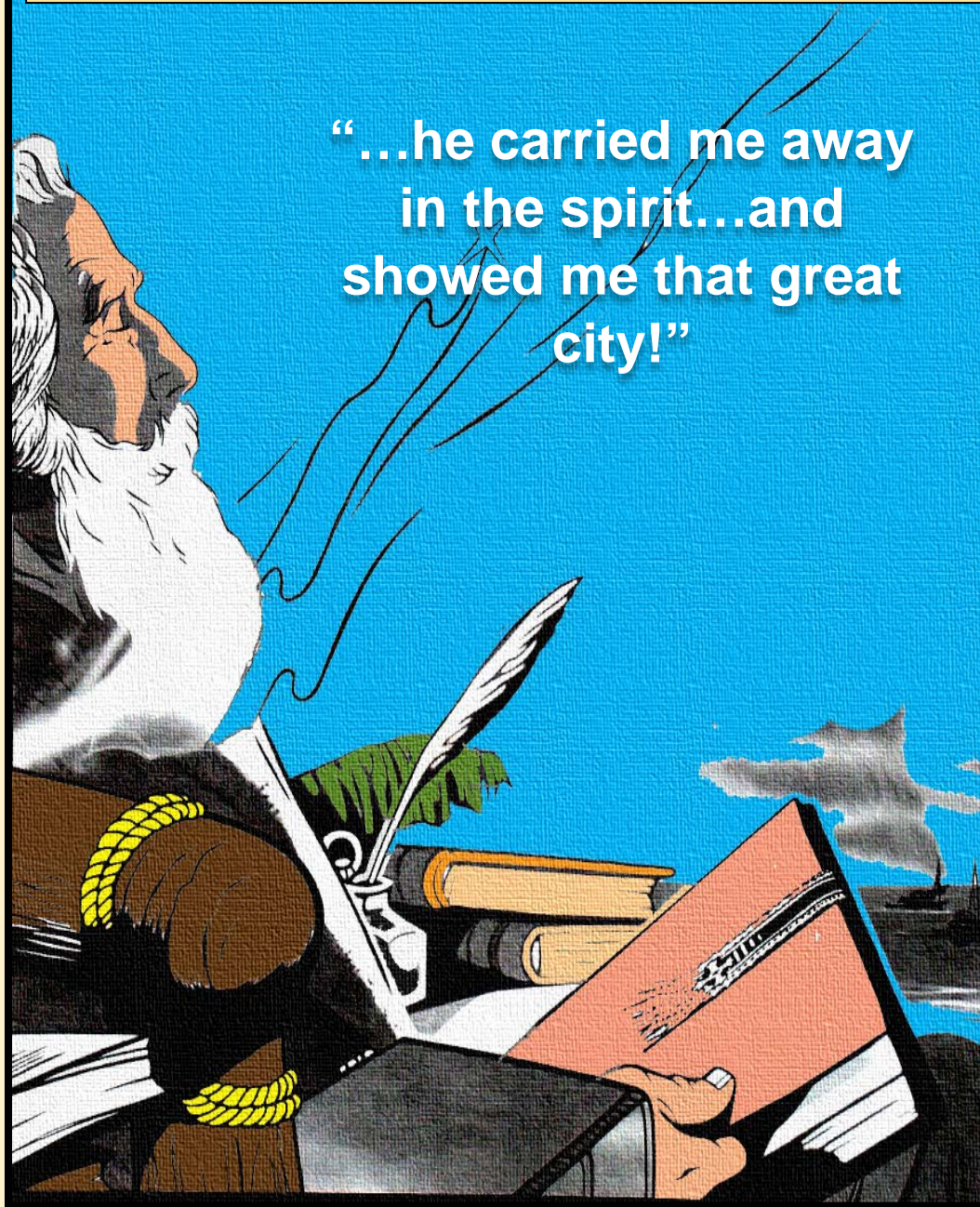
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**New Heaven
and
New Earth**

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Revelation Chapter 21 part 1 – The New Heaven and the New Earth, verses 1 to 14



“...he carried me away
in the spirit...and
showed me that great
city!”

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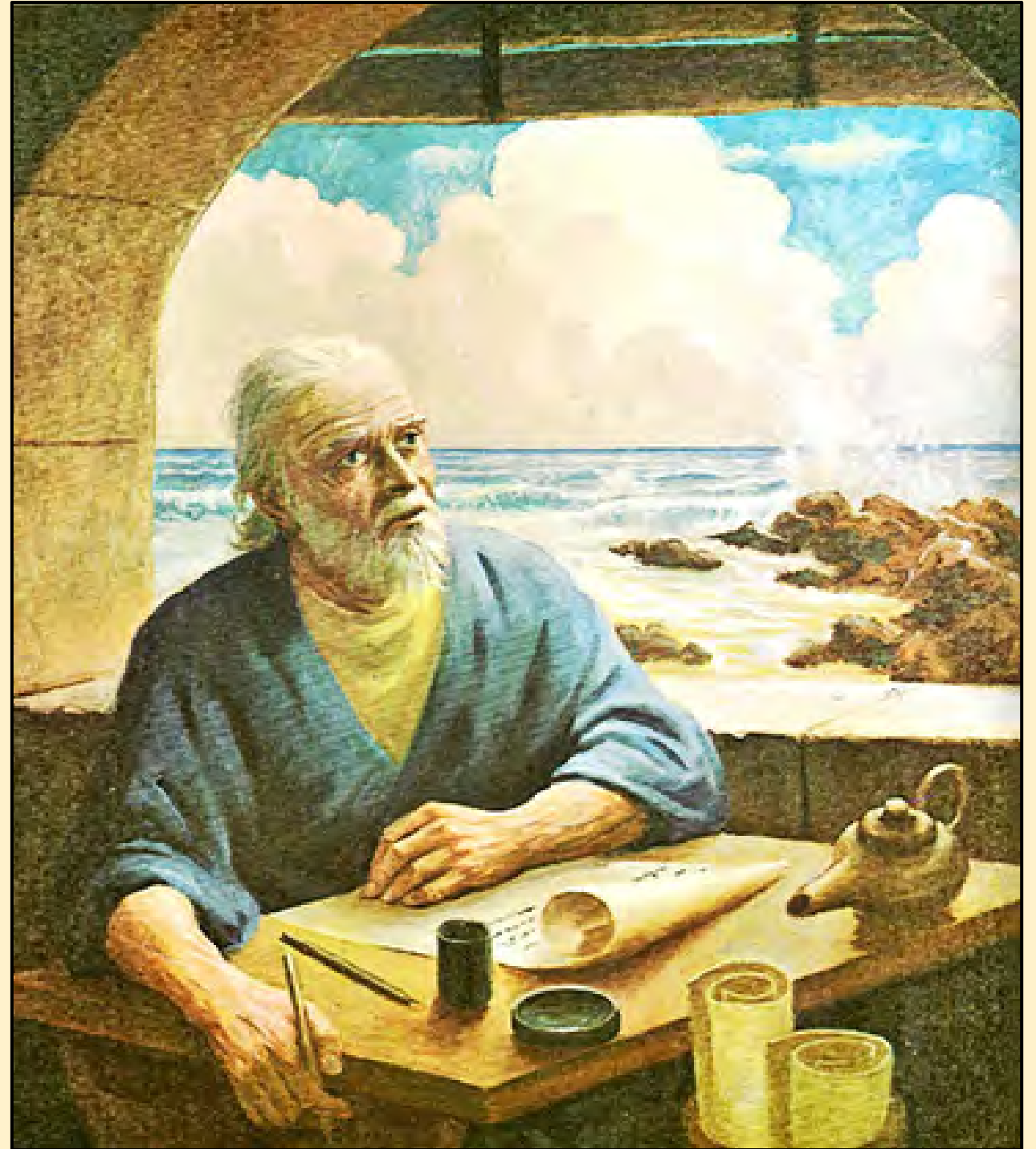
But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1CO.2:9

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:2-3

Did you know that when we talk about heaven, what we're really talking about most of the time is a gigantic, amazing “*space city*” that is going to come down to Earth, where God will live with us and we with Him? That's the Truth because the Bible says so! Things that are more wonderful than anything you ever dreamed of or imagined are already there in our amazing heavenly home, the great Heavenly City whose Builder and Maker is God!

The very last chapters of the very last book of the Bible, *Revelation chapters 21 and 22*, give us the clearest and best picture in the whole Bible of just what the heavenly City, or "*Heaven*" as we call it for short, is like. It is the Apostle John's story of what he saw when the Lord took him there in the spirit. So, we are now going to look at some of the wonders in these chapters. Are you ready? Here we go!

REV.21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.



**** ISA.65:17-19** For, behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.** But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold,



I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: **and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.**

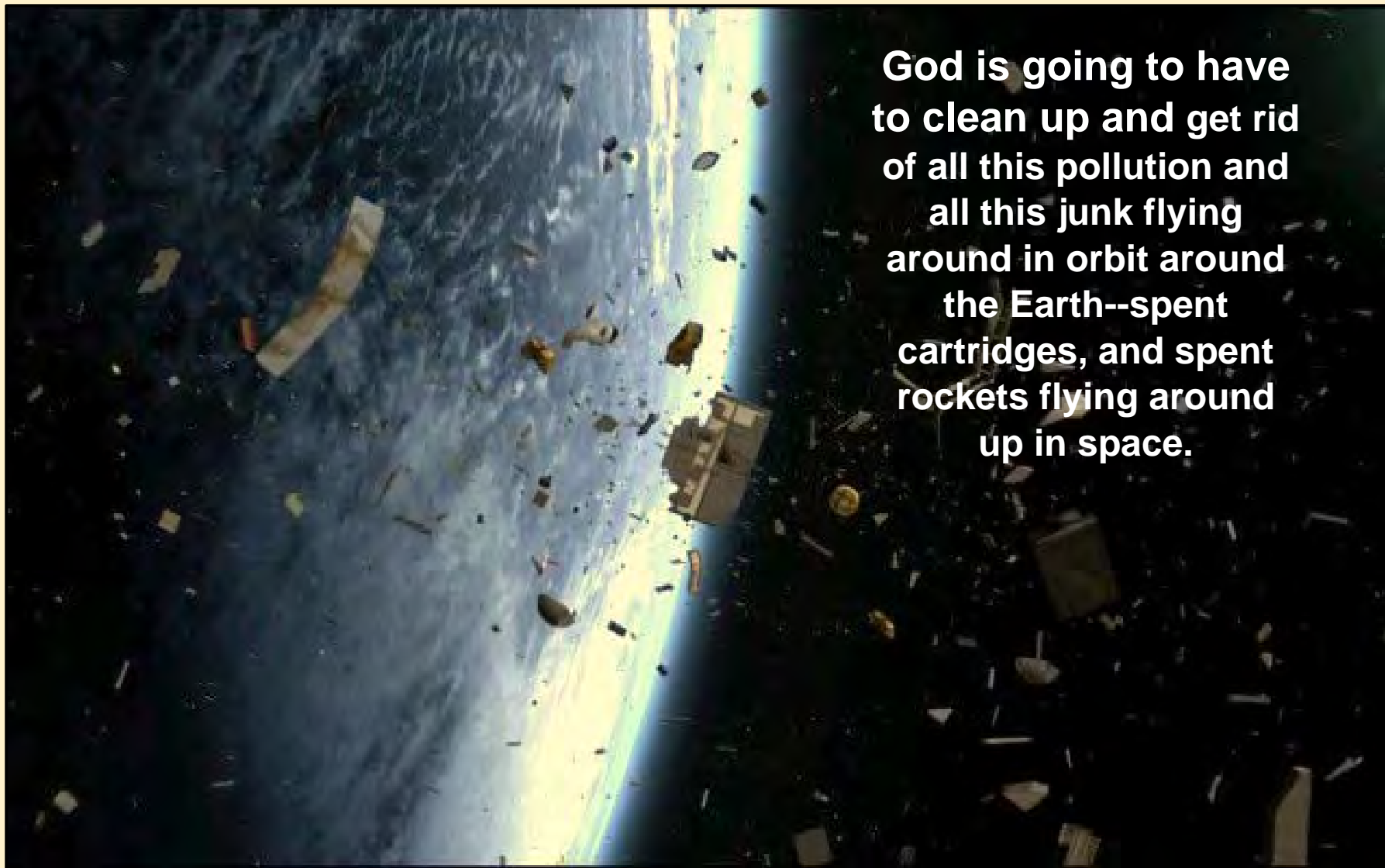
**** ISA.66:22** For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. **ISA.40:4**

**** 2PE.3:12-13** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of **the day of God**, wherein **the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

The Earth is a great big round ball and it is clothed with a covering called its surface, which is surrounded or covered by air, clouds and the sky, which the Bible calls ***"the heavens."*** Maybe you'd be surprised to know that the Bible uses this word ***"heaven"*** or ***"heavens"*** to talk about quite a few different places! --There are the ***"heavens"*** of the sky, the air, the clouds, and there's also the ***"heavens"*** of space where the stars, planets, sun and moon are. But the main ***"Heaven"*** that we're talking about in this study is the Heavenly City, which will come down from space through the sky and land on the Earth!



A New Heaven and a New Earth!



God is going to have to clean up and get rid of all this pollution and all this junk flying around in orbit around the Earth--spent cartridges, and spent rockets flying around up in space.

But first, God is going to have to clean up the earth and the sky! After the 1,000-year rule and reign of Jesus and His children on the Earth during the Millennium, God is going to completely burn up the surface of the Earth and the *"heavens"* of the air and sky and He is going to recreate a beautiful New Earth with a New Heaven!

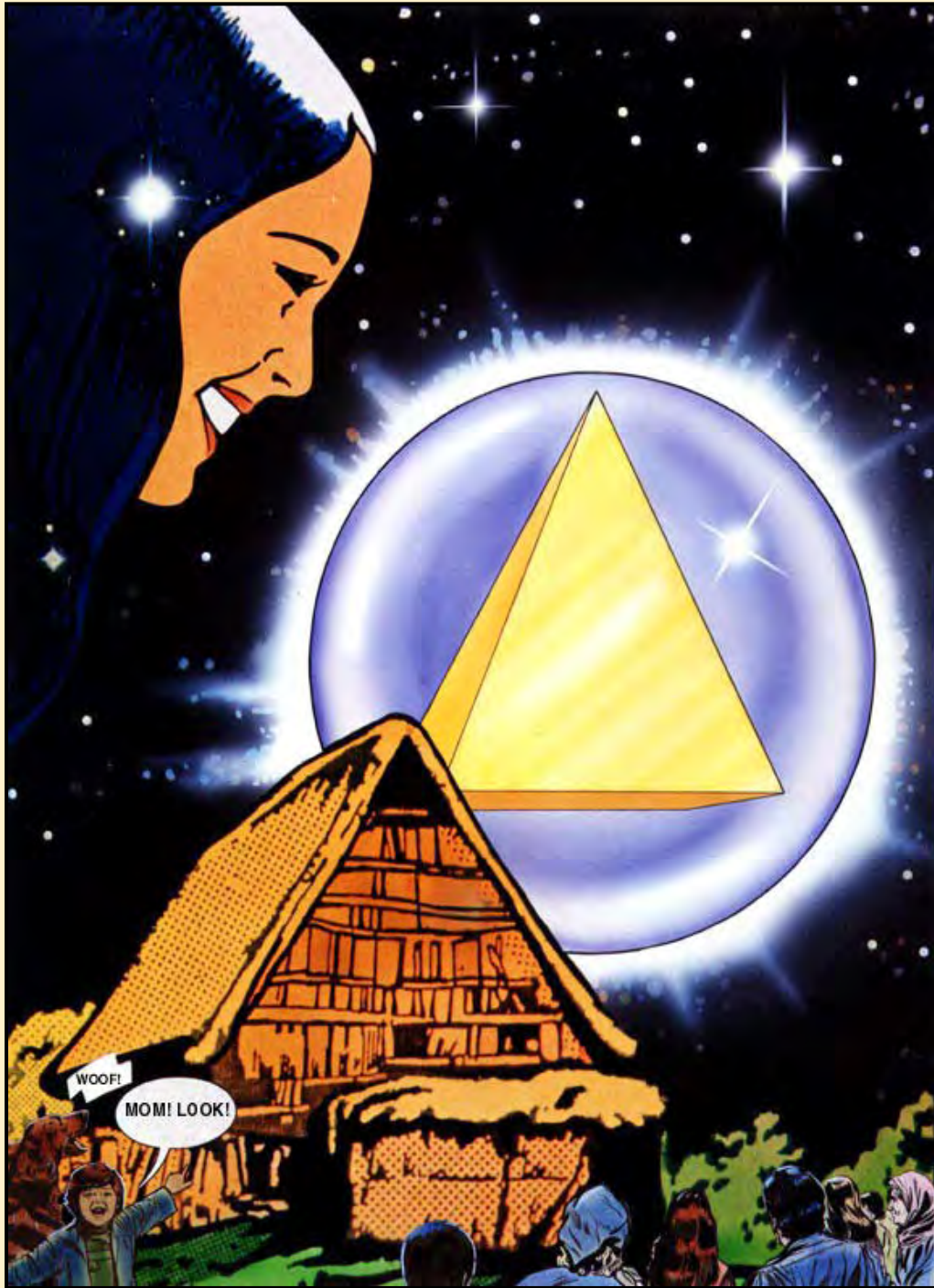
This new earth will be just like the Garden of Eden was, the Paradise of

God! Everything will be just beautiful and there will be no more evil or fighting or hurting and all will be peace and beauty! There will be no more rough, steep mountains--just beautiful, smooth, rolling hills and valleys! There will be no more dry and empty deserts, just beautiful green forests, fields and farms! And there will be *"no more sea!"* --But lots of pretty rivers, streams and lakes!

There will be plenty of room on the New Earth for billions of people to live and enjoy this beautiful place! If men of all ages and boundless generations are going to be revived and resurrected, where is God going to put them all? Well, there will be no more sea, and that's 4/5 of the Earth's surface right now! So, we'll have five times as much land surface then as we do now! Some will be on the surface of the Earth and others, the saved, will be in the City of the Blessed.

This new earth will also be under a *New Heaven*, which will mean lovely, fresh, clean air, with no stinking pollution, no poisonous gases or dirt or smoke or weapons or the horrors of man! And the great Heavenly City will come down through this new clean and pure sky, or "*New Heaven*", to land on the "*New Earth*"!





REV.21:2 And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

REV.21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men**, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and **God himself shall be with them**, and be their God.

**** HEB.11:8, 10, 13-16** *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went...for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God... These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but **having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them**, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

For they that say such things declare plainly that **they seek a country**. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. **But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly**: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: **for he hath prepared for them a city**.

**** HEB.12:22-24** But ye are come **unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant...





HE WHO OVERCOMES

I will make him a **PILLAR** in
the **Temple of My God**

**** REV.3:12** *Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is **new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.***

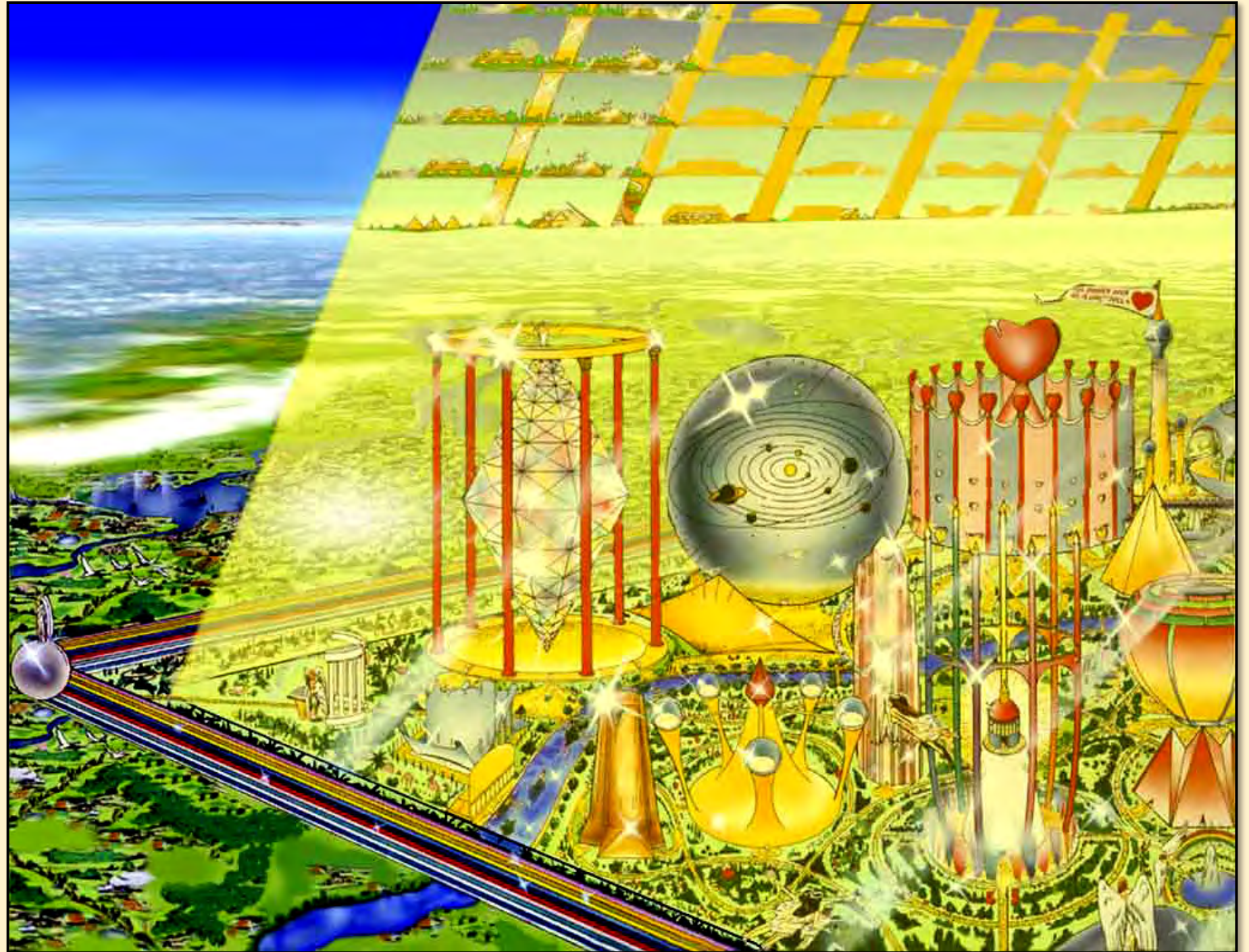
**** 2CO.5:1** *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon **with our house which is from heaven:***

**** LEV.26:11-12 And I set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.**



We're not going to go up into the sky to live with God, God is going to come to earth to live with us! It will be like God taking over the world by invading it from Outer Space! The funny space stations and space cities that man makes up and writes books and makes movies about aren't anywhere nearly as big and wonderful as this one! Ours is 1,500 miles long, 1,500 miles wide and 1,500 miles high! --1,500 miles! --2,400 kilometers! --The greatest "space ship" ever made, built by the Lord and on its way now! (Verse 16)

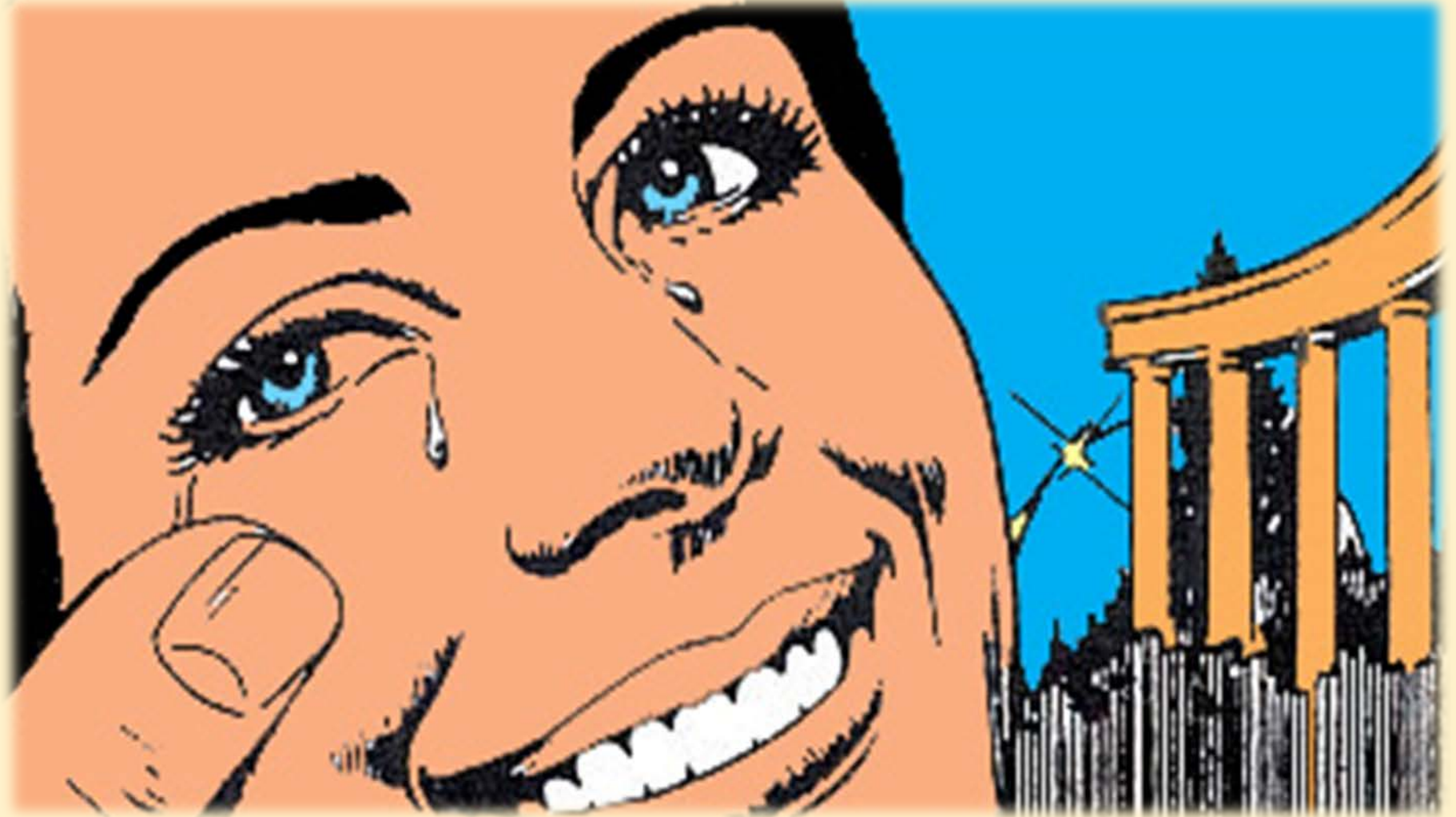
The place we're going to dwell with the Lord forever hereafter is not some fanciful dreamland way off in outer space, but an even more amazing Dream City that's going to come down from God, out of Heaven, to a New Earth, and God's going to come down and live with us in that beautiful Dream Town! We're not going to go off to some far-away place called Heaven where God is supposed to live, but we have a real down-to-Earth God, who's going to come live with us, and make Heaven on Earth!



REV.21:4 And **God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes**; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall **there be any more pain**: for the former things are passed away.

This is one of the most beautiful verses in the entire Bible! But if you'll read carefully, you'll see that it doesn't say there are not going to be any tears! Probably a lot of people, when they get to Heaven and face the Lord, are going to be ashamed and cry and weep over their sins and their failures.

But isn't the Lord wonderful, loving and merciful? He says He's going to wipe away all those tears, and He's going to wipe away all that memory of those evil years, and there will be no more pain, no more death, no more sorrow, no more tears!

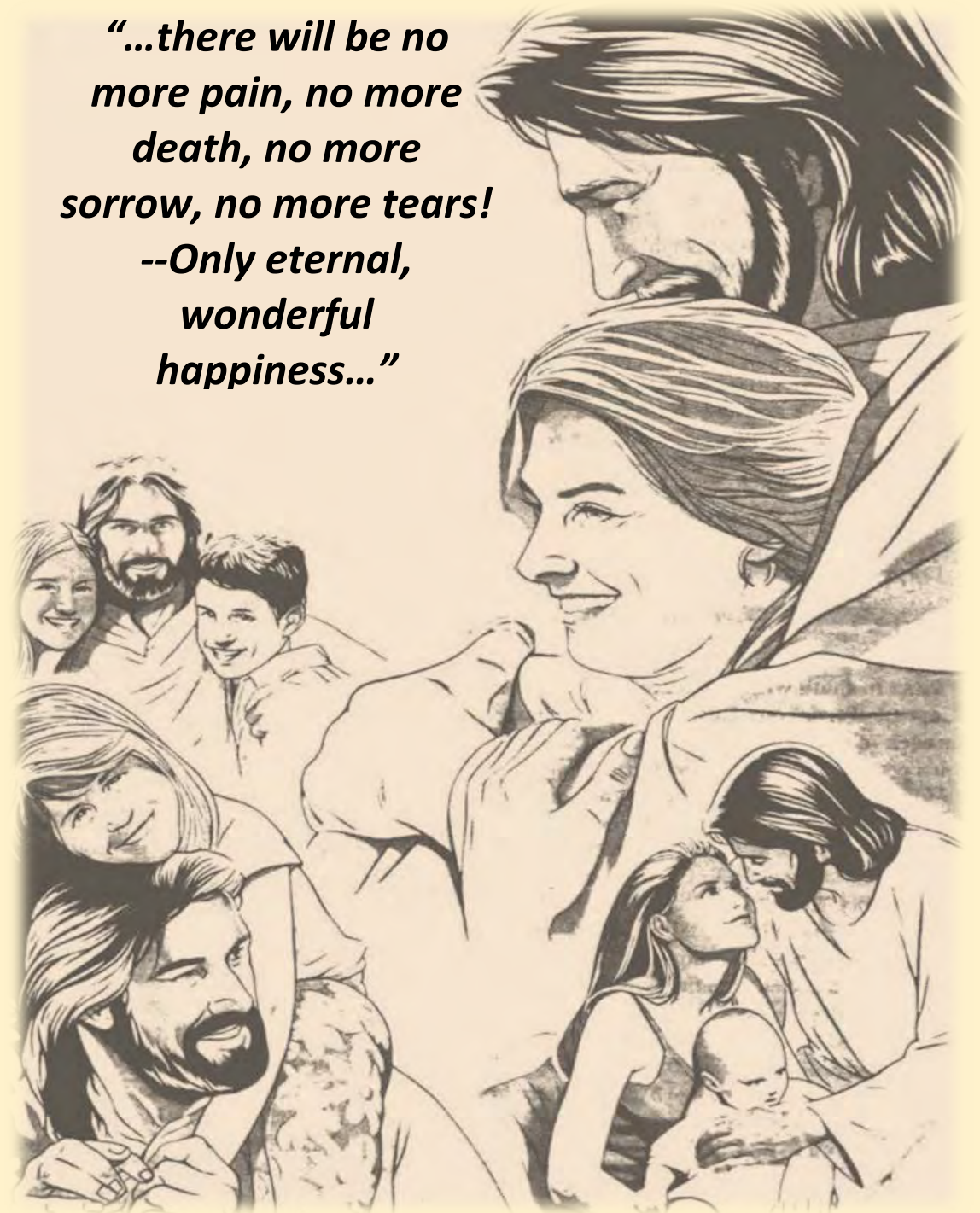


Only eternal, wonderful happiness, joy and paradise on Earth, like what we who love the Lord have now, only better, forever and ever and ever! Hallelujah! All the evil and sad things will be forgotten, blotted out like a bad dream, like a nightmare, and He'll wipe away all the tears from our eyes. There'll be no more pain or sorrow or death or crying, everything will be happiness from then on! --Isn't that wonderful?

**** ISA.25:8-9** *He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

**** 1CO.15:26** *The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

"...there will be no more pain, no more death, no more sorrow, no more tears! --Only eternal, wonderful happiness..."



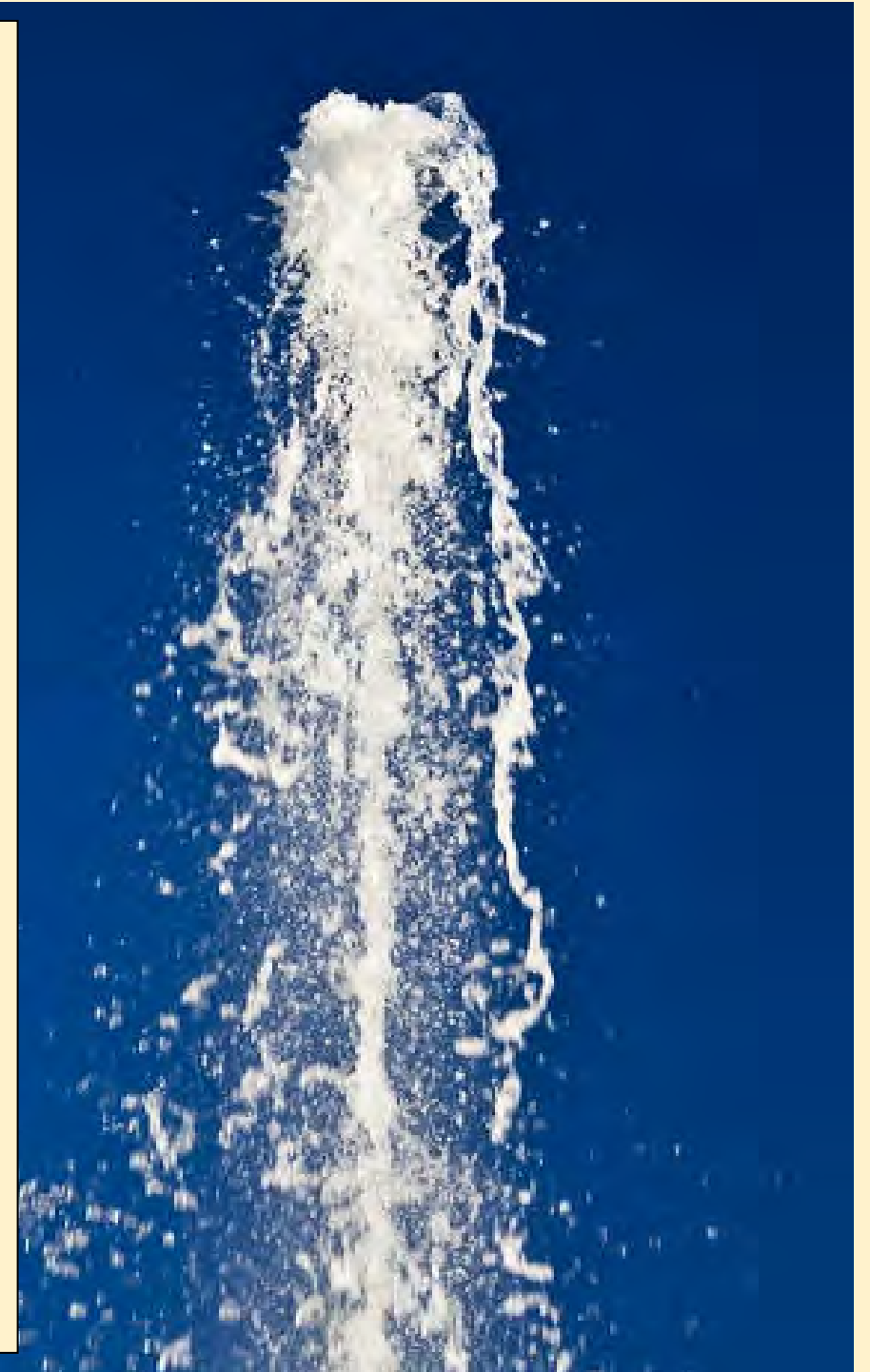
**** REV.7:17** *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

REV.21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, **I make all things new**. And he said unto me, write: for these words are true and faithful.

**** ISA.42:9** *Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.*

REV.21:6 And he said unto me, **It is done**. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst **of the fountain of the water of life freely**.

**** JOH.4:10, 14** *Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water...But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*



REV.21:7 He that overcometh **shall inherit all things**; and **I will be his God**, and he shall be my son.

**** 1JN.3:1-2** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called**

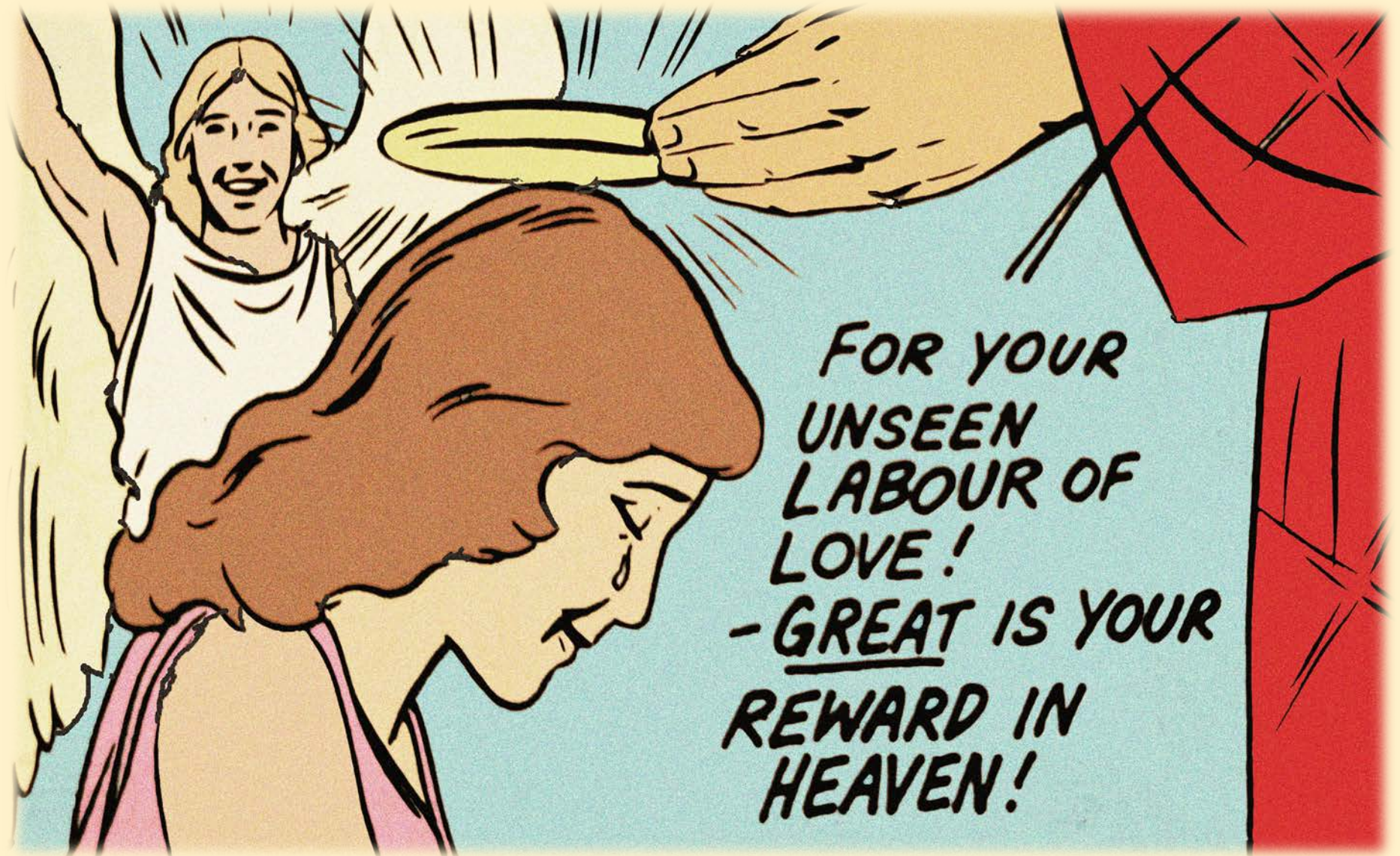


the sons of God: therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not... **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

**** ROM.8:15-17** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And **if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

In this wonderful heavenly city, His overcomers shall "inherit all things!"--And "who is he that overcometh the World? He that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the World: and this is the victory that overcometh the World, even our faith." (1Jn.5:5, 4.) The Lord loves faith and He loves His faithful children and He is going to reward them greatly!

You'll inherit all things, anything you ever wanted or ever desired! --For it is God's delight to give us the desires of our own hearts, if we love Him and delight ourselves in Him! He says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Ps.37:4.) And Jesus told us to "fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom!" (Lk.12:32.)





REV.21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death.**

REV.21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, come hither, **I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

REV.21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and **showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**

REV.21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. In other words, the City is like one big diamond!

Earlier in verse 2, John said that he saw the Holy City descending "*as a bride adorned for her Husband,*" so we know this reference to the City as "*the Bride*" is symbolic, as it's obvious that this marvellous City which He has prepared for His true Bride, His Church, (this "*bride*" is really the people of God, of all nations and all time), is a very literal, down-to-Earth, Heavenly Home with literal walls, mansions and a river, trees, gates and exact physical measurements and dimensions.





So, when it says that this great city is ***"prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband"***, it simply means that it's as beautiful as a bride! -- And why not? --It's the Bride's House, her new Home!

Kings who were rich and wealthy usually built whole palaces in honour of their queens! Well, our King has built His Queen, His Church, the greatest palace that has ever existed! Nothing in this World, nothing man has ever built, would even hold a candle to this City!

REV.21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

REV.21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

REV.21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

There was an angel guarding each gate! Now why would the City have a big tall protective wall like that and each gate guarded by an angel unless there were some people outside whom they didn't want to get in? This is another indication that there will be people outside who are not quite in good enough shape to enter the City! On each of the gates is a name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel. God wants to honour the faithful ones throughout the Old Testament who have obeyed and followed the Lord and He also says that the names of the twelve original Apostles are on the wall. "***The Israel of God!***" (Ga.6:16)



Well, what better way could He immortalise and honour them for their great work in laying the foundation and preparation for the whole Church than to put their names on the gates and walls?

Do not miss part 2 of this chapter where we will continue to explore how the Bible describes that Dream City, “*whose builder and maker is God.*”

Would you like to live in this Heavenly City? You can by receiving Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Paul wrote:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Rom.10:9-10

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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REV.21:15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed **to measure the city**, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

REV.21:16 And **the city lieth foursquare**, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, **twelve thousand furlongs**. **The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.**

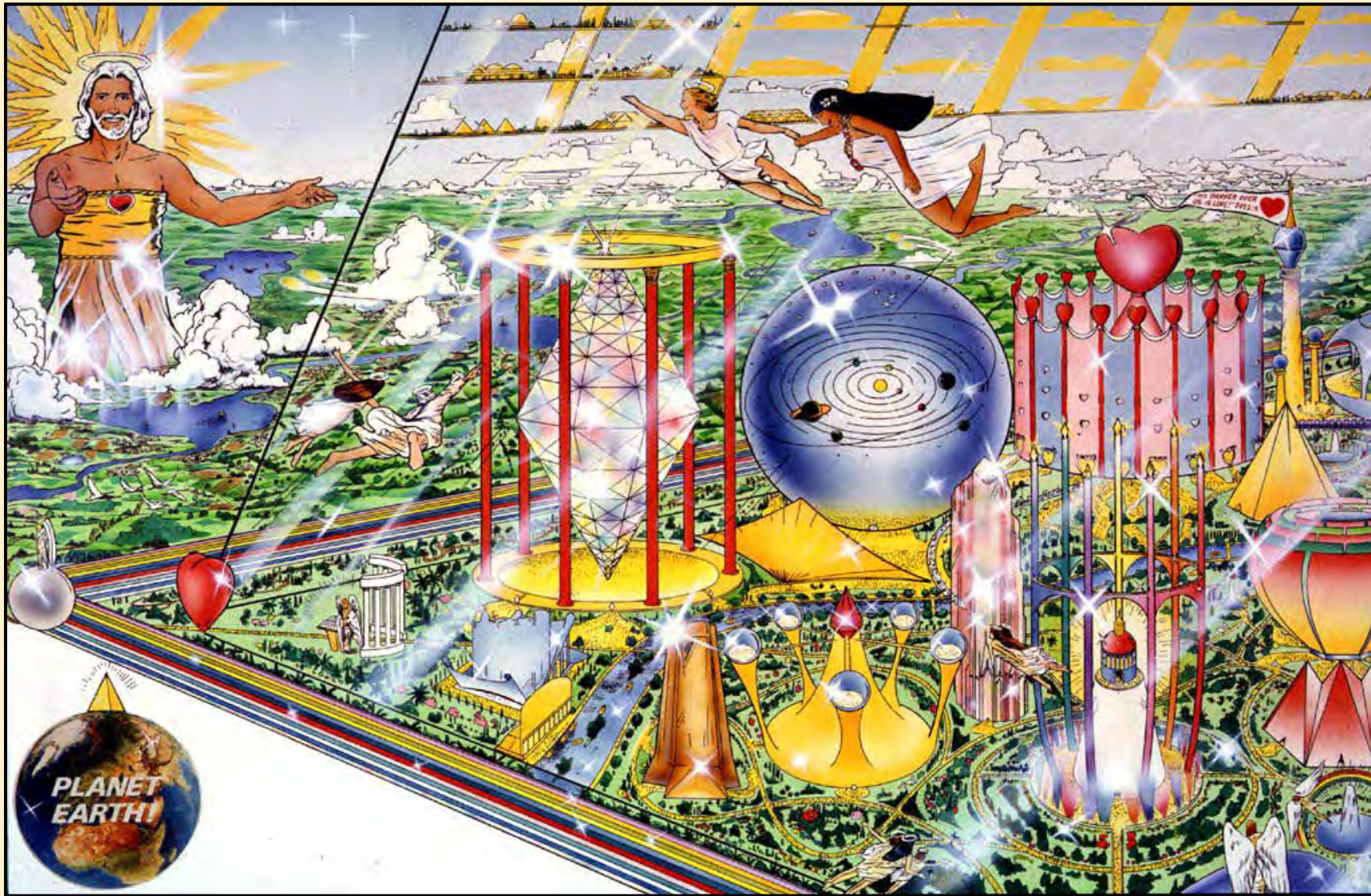
Do you have any idea how long 12,000 biblical furlough equals in modern measurements? --One furlong equals one eighth of an English mile, or 200 meters. Thus 12,000 furlongs equals 1,500 miles, or 2,400 kilometers! And that is a very big City! --1,500 miles in each direction--wide, long, and high! It's almost beyond comprehension!

Can you even imagine a city that size? The base area would be as large as half of the United States or all of Europe or half of Africa! And can you imagine it being 1,500 miles, or 2,400 kilometers, high? Intercontinental passenger airlines usually fly their planes around five or six miles high at the most, twenty to thirty thousand feet or so.

And even the satellites are rarely launched into an orbit higher than 150 to 600 miles above the Earth's surface. --But God's Heavenly City is going to be 1,500 miles high!

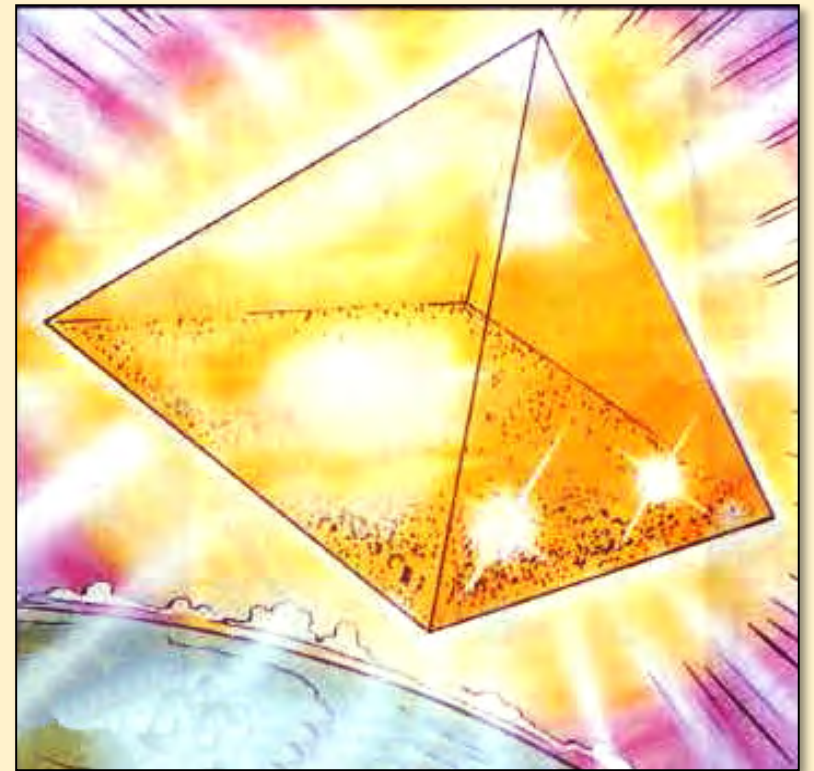
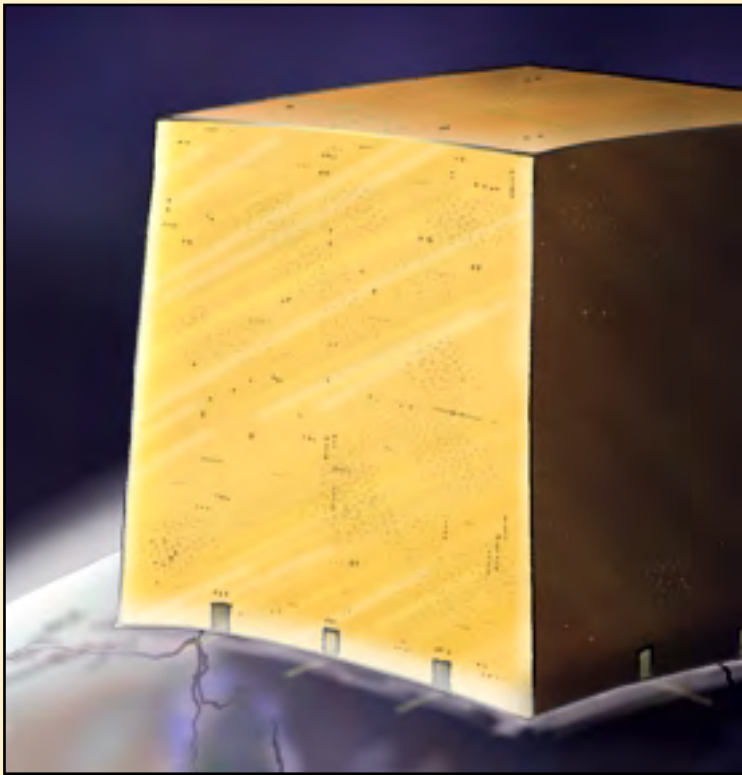


His great heavenly city is coming down to earth, but it won't even be able to get all the way out of space! The apex and most of it will still be up there in Outer Space! What a view! The tallest skyscraper in the Universe! And it's our Heavenly Home, thanks to Jesus! With plenty of room for all the millions and billions of God's children who have ever lived! Hallelujah! If you were to divide the 1,500-mile height of it into twelve levels, you'd have 125 miles to each level, or about 700,000 feet--room for 70,000 floors on each level! --Or nearly a million stories high! --How's that for a skyscraper? When it



comes to building a Heavenly Home for us, God's is not stingy! No wonder the Bible calls Him, *"He that builded His stories in the Heaven, and hath founded His troop in the Earth: The Lord is His Name!"* (Amos 9:6.)

The Bible doesn't specifically say what shape it is, but it definitely says it is foursquare! The base is a square 1500 miles wide. Well, what kind of a building are you going to build on a square unless it's either a cube or a pyramid or some very odd-shaped thing like a poly-dome, if it's going to be just as high as it is wide? And although we can't prove from the Bible that it is pyramidal, there are some scriptures about Heaven which seem to indicate that it could be so. **Hebrews 12:22** says, "***Ye are come unto Mount Zion, the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem!***"--So it could be mountain-shaped! And several other Scriptures speak of "***the Mountain of the Lord's House.***" (***Is.2:2; Mi.4:1.***) And if there's anything that would look like a mountain, imagine a 1,500-mile-high pyramid! (In this study, we are using the pyramid shape.)



And did you know that there is going to be real estate in Heaven? The Lord told His prophet Daniel that he would stand in his lot at the end of his days! (*Dan.12:13.*) --And I'm going to stand in my lot, you're going to have your lot and everybody's going to have his own lot! There's going to be a lot of room to have a lot of lots!

"In My Father's House", Jesus said, "are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also!" (Jn.14:2, 3.) --In your mansion, on your lot!





Just think, one of these days you're going to own a mansion that isn't going to cost you anything! No upkeep, no expenses, absolutely nothing except what it's already cost Jesus! And it will be commensurate with your works on Earth, what you already paid for it down here. There are some things that you're working for right now that you're not going to receive till you get there, but you'll find that whatever you've paid here is not worthy to be compared with the glory to be revealed there!

REV.21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. **That's 216 feet high or 65 meters!**

REV.21:18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

REV.21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with **all manner of precious stones**. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

REV.21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

Suffice it to say that they are the most precious stones in the World today, precious jewels of all colours of the rainbow! --What a City!

REV.21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: **every several gate was of one pearl:** and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.





We will walk...
on streets of gold.

That's a kind of gold we don't know anything about here! The gold of this Earth is not transparent and it doesn't look like glass, it's very heavy and solid. But the gold of the City will be transparent glass--like golden crystal, beautiful! It's going to be an everlasting eternal gold, crystal gold! --More beautiful than any gold in this World! --The eternal crystal Golden City that will be forever!

And it's not only the streets that are made of this pure crystal-clear gold, but as we read a few verses earlier, the entire ***"City was pure gold, like unto clear glass!"*** --It's like clear golden-coloured glass! --Think how beautiful that is! The whole City is like crystal gold! So you'll be able to see out of the City through those transparent walls, out onto a beautiful, fully-restored and recreated New Earth! You're going to be able to look out there, see and enjoy the view of that beautiful Creation!

REV.21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

**** JOH.4:21, 23** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. But the hour cometh, and now is, **when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

**** ACT.7:48-49** Howbeit **the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands;** as saith the prophet, **Heaven is my throne,** and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

This gigantic, huge, amazing, marvellous, astonishing City has no temple, no church, no cathedral, no synagogue, and no mosque! How about that? God Himself and His Son are the Temple of it! --The place of worship is Jesus! Everyone is going to worship in the Lord without buildings or temples, all of which have often been such a waste of man's time, wealth and resources.



REV.21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

**** ISA.60:19-20** *The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but **the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light**, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: **for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light**, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.*



**** REV.22:5** *And **there shall be no night there**; and **they need no candle**, neither light of the sun; for **the Lord God giveth them light**: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

It doesn't say there'll be no moon and no sun, but it says in the City they won't need the moon and the sun, because it will have its own light, the Light of God and His Son Jesus! But the sun and moon will still continue on in the World outside the City on the planet Earth, which will still exist with its new Garden-of-Eden-like surface. But inside this Heavenly City we won't need these earthly lights, because the Lord is the light thereof.

It will be light all the time, all day and all night, we'll never have to go to bed, we'll never have to sleep, because we'll never get tired or weary. And even for those on the outside, it will be a blessing just to live anywhere within view, within sight of that City, just to be able to see it at night and thrill to its gorgeous splendour, resplendent with the golden, supernatural, miraculous Light of God! God's Word says that even the sun and the moon shall be ashamed in comparison with the glory, the beauty and the light of that Holy City here on the surface of the Earth!

***** ISA.24:23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.***



REV.21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

REV.21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

REV.21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

REV.21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defiles, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.



**** ISA.52:11** Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, **touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.**

**** ISA.60:11** Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

**** REV.22:14** Blessed are they that do his commandments, **that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

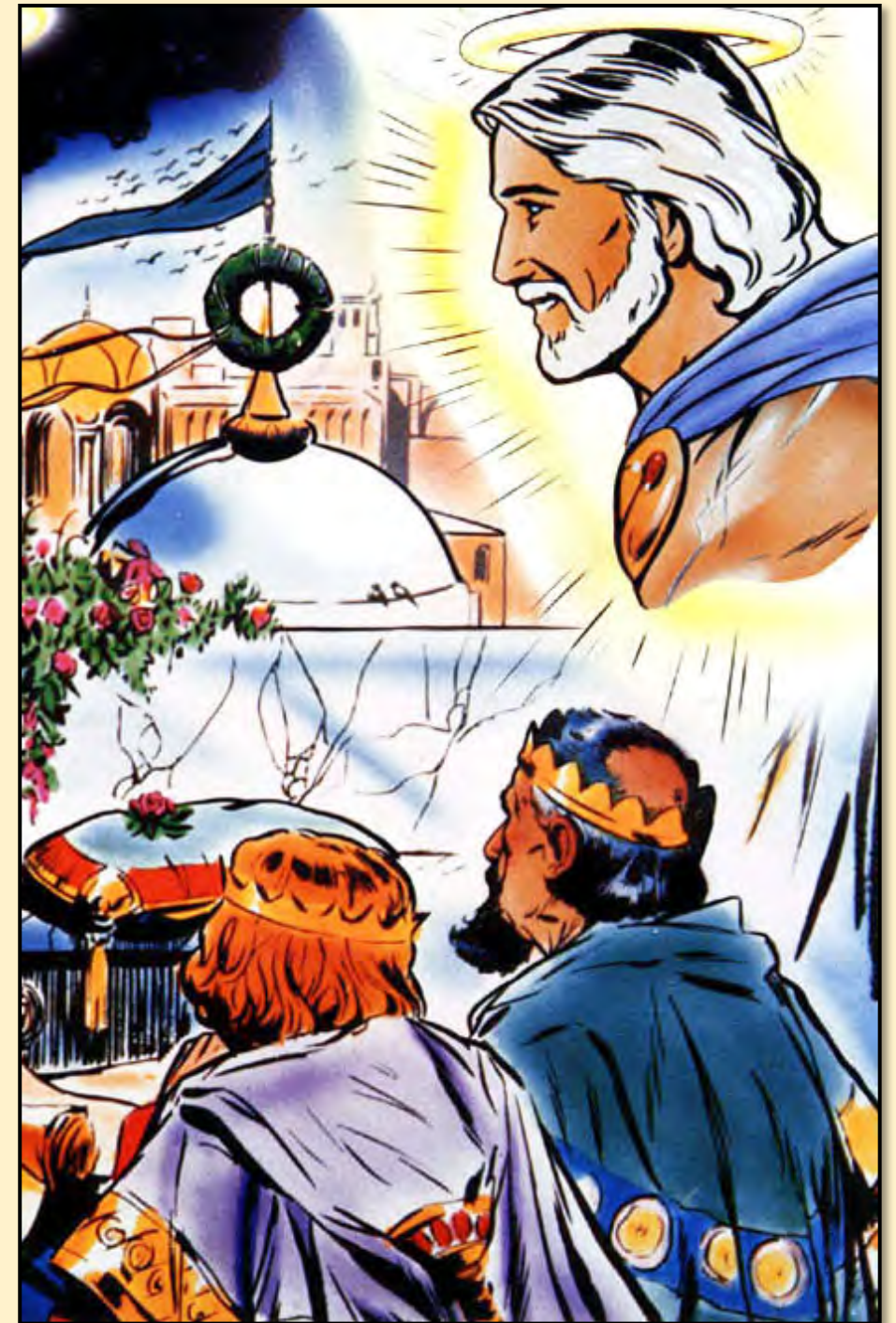


Just imagine what that gorgeous golden city's going to look like at night from the world outside! The inhabitants of the Earth will be able to look up and view that beautiful City and know that God is there, that God now lives on Earth with man! He's come down out of Heaven to make His dwelling place with man, and that's His beautiful City, His Capital City. And even if you're not one of its citizens living inside the City,

you'll be able to look up from the surface of the Earth and be thankful that you're even there at all!

There will still be nations and there will still be kings on the surface of the Earth, outside the City. Of course, they'll be nations ordained by God and kings appointed by Him--righteous kings, good kings, teaching the people to love and serve the Lord! --A beautiful, wonderful, Heavenly World and a Heavenly Earth! Heaven on Earth, for sure! And they'll be bringing glory and honour into the City!

The city's going to be open day and night, 24 hours a day! --And only the Saved, only those written in the Lamb's Book of Life, shall enter through its pearly portals. --How beautiful! How wonderful! --Nothing unclean there! --No dirty city streets, no vile vice, no filthy crime, no sin. --Not Sin City, as most are today, but the Sacred City of God! --The Holy City, the pure City, the beautiful City! --Everything absolutely spotless, clean, sinless and beautiful! What a City!



Would you like to be a citizen in this Heavenly City? Do you have your passport to be allowed to enter in? You can have it by receiving Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus said:

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2

Please pray this simple prayer:



"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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REVELATION CHAPTER 22 PART 1 verses 1-9 Inside the Holy City

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REV.22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

We're actually seeing inside the Holy City now, the New Jerusalem that will come down from God out of Heaven to a New Earth, the Kingdom Come! And here we see a beautiful river that flows right out of the Throne of God right through the center of the City, which is like a beautiful park. This city is going to be so very, very beautiful! David the Psalmist once wrote:



*"There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad **the City of God**, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High! **God is in the midst of her**; she shall not be moved!" (Ps.46:4, 5)*

Surely this river of life is what he must have been referring to, as there is no river flowing through the old city of Jerusalem.

**** REV.7:17** *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and **shall lead them unto living fountains of waters...***



**** REV.2:7** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcometh will I give **to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.***

In the original Garden of Eden there were two very remarkable trees. One was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. This is the one that Eve and then Adam disobeyed and ate from that brought about their fall and banishment from the Garden. And the reason given for their banishment was that they had to be prevented from then eating from the second tree, the Tree of Life.

**** Genesis 3:22-23** *Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, **lest he put out his hand and take also of the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever**”—therefore the Lord God sent him out of the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.*

Therefore, it seems that Adam and Eve could have lived forever if they had partaken of the fruit of the Tree of Life. So, if humankind then could have lived forever if their bodies were nourished with this fruit, if it was the missing ingredient to corporeal immortality, then look what the book of Revelation says will be available once again in the Heavenly City:



REV.22:2 In the **midst of the street** of it, and on either side of the river, **was there the tree of life**, which bare twelve manners of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and **the leaves of the tree** were for the healing of the nations.

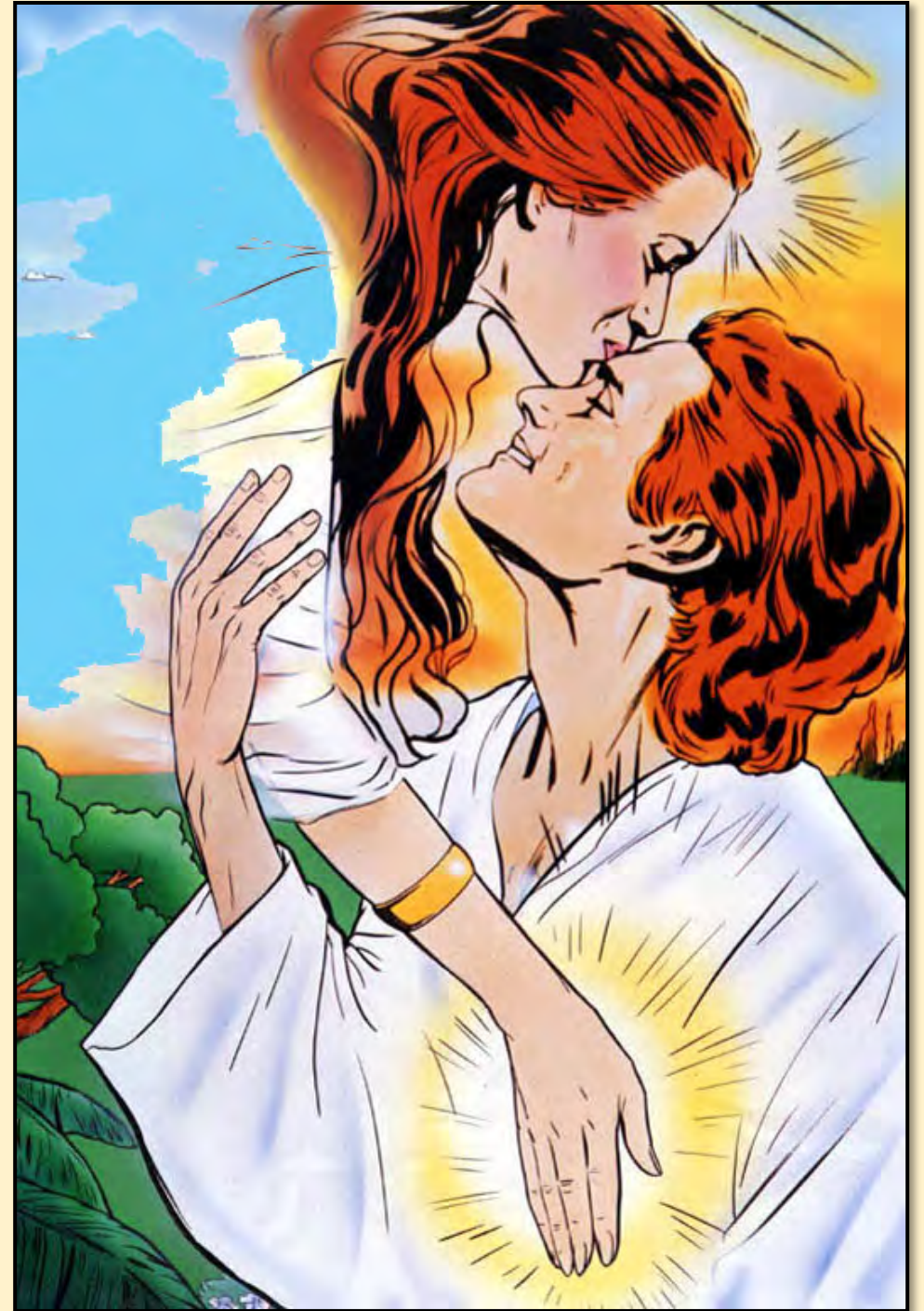


And the trees are undoubtedly the same kind as the Tree of Life that stood in the Garden of Eden, and now there are many of them. These Heavenly trees will bear twelve different kinds of fruit, a different kind every month, think of that! It seems the prophet Ezekiel also caught a glimpse of this wonderful river and these heavenly trees and described them thus:

**** Ez.47:12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.**

We read before that in the Heavenly City there's not going to be any more pain, sickness, death, sorrow or crying. So why do the leaves of the trees have to be used for the healing of the nations? Well, it looks like those kings and nations outside the City will not be the same kind of people as the saved, those who already love Jesus now and who will then be living inside the City. Those outside will need some kind of healing.

If that's not a literal tree or literal leaves it certainly is a marvelous figurative picture of the fact that we will be taking life from the City--some healing power of bringing back life or more life--to those outside who apparently still need some kind of healing. Maybe it is spiritual healing, maybe it's mental healing, and maybe it's just simply to get them better prepared to know God, to worship Him, love Him and serve Him in the outside World.





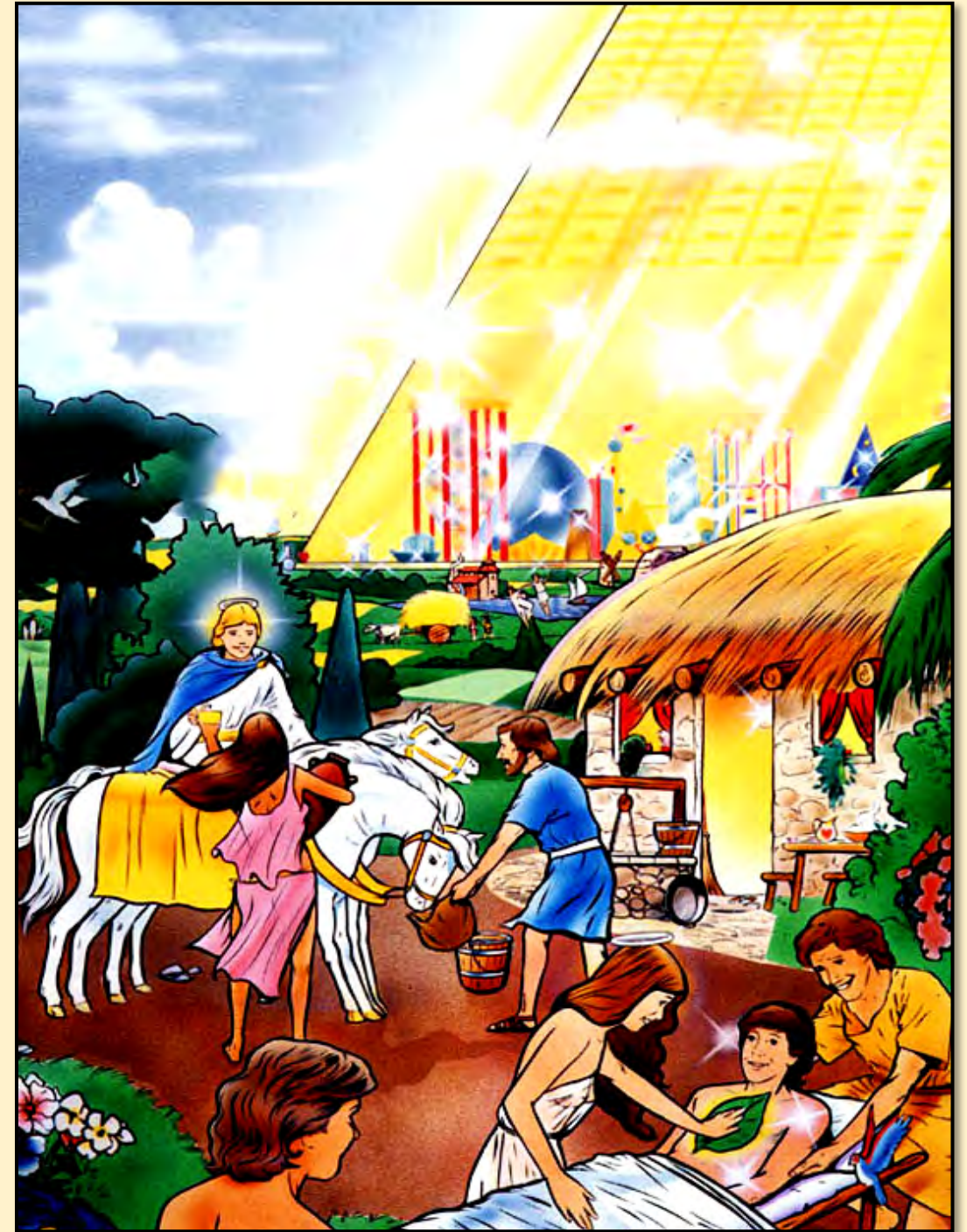
If only the saved can be in the Heavenly City, who are those nations living outside on the New Earth? We read in chapter 20 that at the White Throne judgment, God will gather all the unsaved dead of all ages and they will be judged according to their works.

“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is **the book of life**: and **the dead were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works.** Rev.20:12” (See also ***Mt.25:31-46***).

The very worst will be thrown into the lake of fire and it is our opinion that some people were not bad enough to go to hell, and even though they were pretty good, they didn't get saved through Jesus in their life time, and it appears that they are the ones who will be allowed to be on the New Earth.

God is going to have mercy on them! He's going to send His children out of those twelve pearly gates of that Holy City with the leaves of the Tree of Life for their healing! God's children who live in that lovely City will be the ones to gather these special leaves and take them out for the healing and helping of the folks outside.

It's going to be quite a job ministering to all those people out on the surface of the earth outside the Holy City! --Whole nations with kings, governments, peoples, lands, still outside. But even though they aren't allowed to live in the City, they still must feel pretty good even to be allowed to live outside on a such a Heavenly planet like that.





REV.22:3 And there shall be **no more curse**: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

The curse began with Adam and Eve:

**** GEN.3:17** And unto Adam he said, **because** thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake**; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

“And there shall be no more curse.” Although much of the curse has been removed during the Millennium, on the New Earth it is going to be completely gone.

The last vestiges of the curse, specifically death, will be defeated. “The last enemy that will be destroyed is death” (1 Co.15:26). “There shall be no more death” (Rev.21:4). All will be new and perfect and pure and the way God intended for it to be in the first place.

The Lord re-creates the Earth's surface into the most beautiful heavenly land that man has ever known. It will be similar to the beautiful countryside of some places of the Earth today, with rolling greenery, fields and forests, streams and lakes, but it will be far better. There will be no more



storms, no more great catastrophes and cataclysms or disasters. All will be beautiful and peaceful, the very Paradise of God that all men have always longed for.

The Millennium was a precursor of the New Earth—almost there, but not quite. The curse was still partially there, and not everyone was submitted to God's laws of love. But on the New Earth, for the first time in Earth's history since the Garden of Eden, all will live together in perfect peace and love and harmony.



The world is going to be similar to the way it would have been if Adam and Eve had never fallen. All the inhabitants have been resurrected, and although they have bodies similar to what they had before, it is a good guess that the bodies must be different in that they are created to live forever. The gradual catabolism or wearing down of our bodies that we now experience must be gone.

REV.22:4 And they **shall see his face**; and **his name shall be in their foreheads**.

**** MAT.5:8** *Blessed are the pure in heart: **for they shall see God.***

**** 1JN.3:2-3** *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.** And every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.*

**** REV.3:12** *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and **I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.***





REV.22:5 And there shall be **no night there**; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; **for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

**** ISA.60:19-20** *The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: **but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light**, and thy God thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: **for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.***

“and they shall reign for ever and ever.”

**** DAN.7:18** *But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and **possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.***

REV.22:6 And he said unto me, these sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants **the things which must shortly be done.**

REV.22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

“Behold, I come quickly” cannot be taken in a temporal sense because it has been 2,000 years since these words were given and Jesus isn't here yet! Jesus didn't say He was coming SOON! He said He was going to come QUICKLY when He came! In other words, when He comes, He's going to come quickly and suddenly, really fast! "It says here I come "quickly"; or perhaps better understood as "suddenly".

***** REV.1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.***



Christ will come for His bride!

We are told that we are ***“blessed”*** when we read the book of Revelation. Many people and even Christians say, *“Oh, I don’t want to read the book of Revelation, it scares me!”* But if the Lord gave us this book, it must be that He wants us to read and understand it, at least large portions of it as we continue to advance in these last days so we can be prepared. He says we are blessed if we do, not frightened.



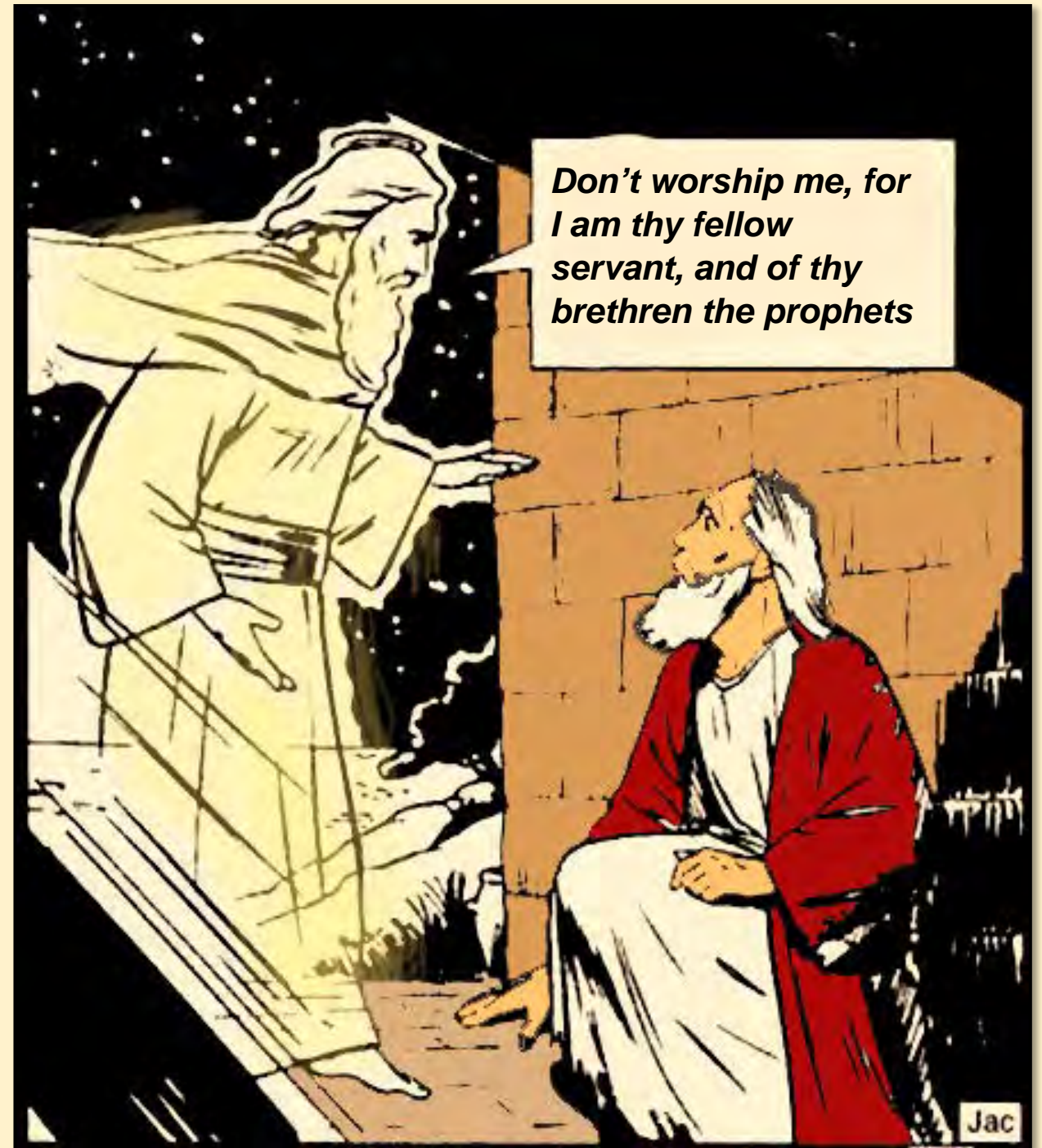
REV.22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.

REV.22:9 Then saith he unto me, see thou do it not: for **I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets**, of them which keep the sayings of this book: **worship God**.

He said, *"Don't worship me! I'm one of your brethren of the prophets!"* He doesn't say which prophet he was; he could have been any one of the Major Prophets, Minor Prophets, Moses, Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah or prophets since the days of the Lord. He didn't say which one, but he said, *"I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, I am one of your fellow servants. So, don't worship me, but worship the Lord!"*

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REV.22:10 And he saith unto me,
Seal not the sayings of the prophecy
of this book: for the time is at hand.

In the case of the prophet Daniel,
God did tell him to “*shut up the
words and seal the book*” because
they were not for Daniel’s time, they
were for the distant future, for those
who would live in “*the time of the
end*”:

**** DAN.12:4** *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*

But here, John is told to “*seal not the prophecy of this book*”. We found out that the Book of Revelation, the sayings of this book, the predictions and prophecies of this book BEGAN right then in John’s Day. That's why he says “*the time is at hand!*” And this book reviews the whole history of the World, prophetically, from the days of John till the very End.



REV.22:11 He that is **unjust**, let him be unjust still: and he which is **filthy**, let him be filthy still: and he that is **righteous**, let him be righteous still: and he that is **holy**, let him be holy still.

That sort of shows us how God divides classes of people in this World. There seem to be two classes of the unsaved or the wicked, classified into those who are *unjust* or unmerciful, unloving, and those who are just plain dirty, *filthy*, sickening, vile! --But both unsaved and not God's Children.

...and he that is holy, let him be holy still.



***** 2Ti.3:13-14 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.***

Then He has a couple of classes there of the just—the “*righteous*” and the “*holy!*” Some people who are *righteous*, like most church people who lived good lives and tried to do what was right; and then the *holy*, those who are wholly and totally dedicated to the Lord and His service, set apart completely, beautifully clean in God's sight, pure, holy in their love for the Lord, following and serving the Lord, day and night!

Let's follow God!



REV.22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and **my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

**** MAT.16:27** *For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and **then he shall reward every man according to his works.***

**** ISA.40:10** *Behold, **the Lord GOD will come** with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, **his reward is with him, and his work before him.***

REV.22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, **the first and the last.**

Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, meaning the Beginning and the End.

**** ISA.44:6** *Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; **I am the first, and I am the last;** and beside me there is no God.*

**** REV.21:6** *And he said unto me, It is done. **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.** I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*



REV.22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments [**or** “*who wash their robes,*” **in most other Bible versions**] that **they may have right to the tree of life**, and **may enter in** through the gates into the city.

“...who wash their robes” In order to have the right to the tree of life and to the Heavenly City, we have to “**wash our robes**”, which means to be saved and washed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Only the saved can enter the City and it is paid by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

**** REV.21:27** And there **shall in no wise enter into it anything that defiles**, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, **or maketh a lie**: but **they which are written in the Lamb's book of life**.

**** REV.1:5** And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood**.
(**See also Rev.3:4, Rev.7:14 and Isa.61:10**)

REV.22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.



REV.22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am **the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**



REV.22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, **Come.** And let him that heareth say, **Come.** And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, **let him take the water of life freely.**

**** ISA.55:1** *Ho, every one that thirsteth, **come ye to the waters,** and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

**** JOH.4:14** *But **whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst;** but the water that I shall give him shall be in him **a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***

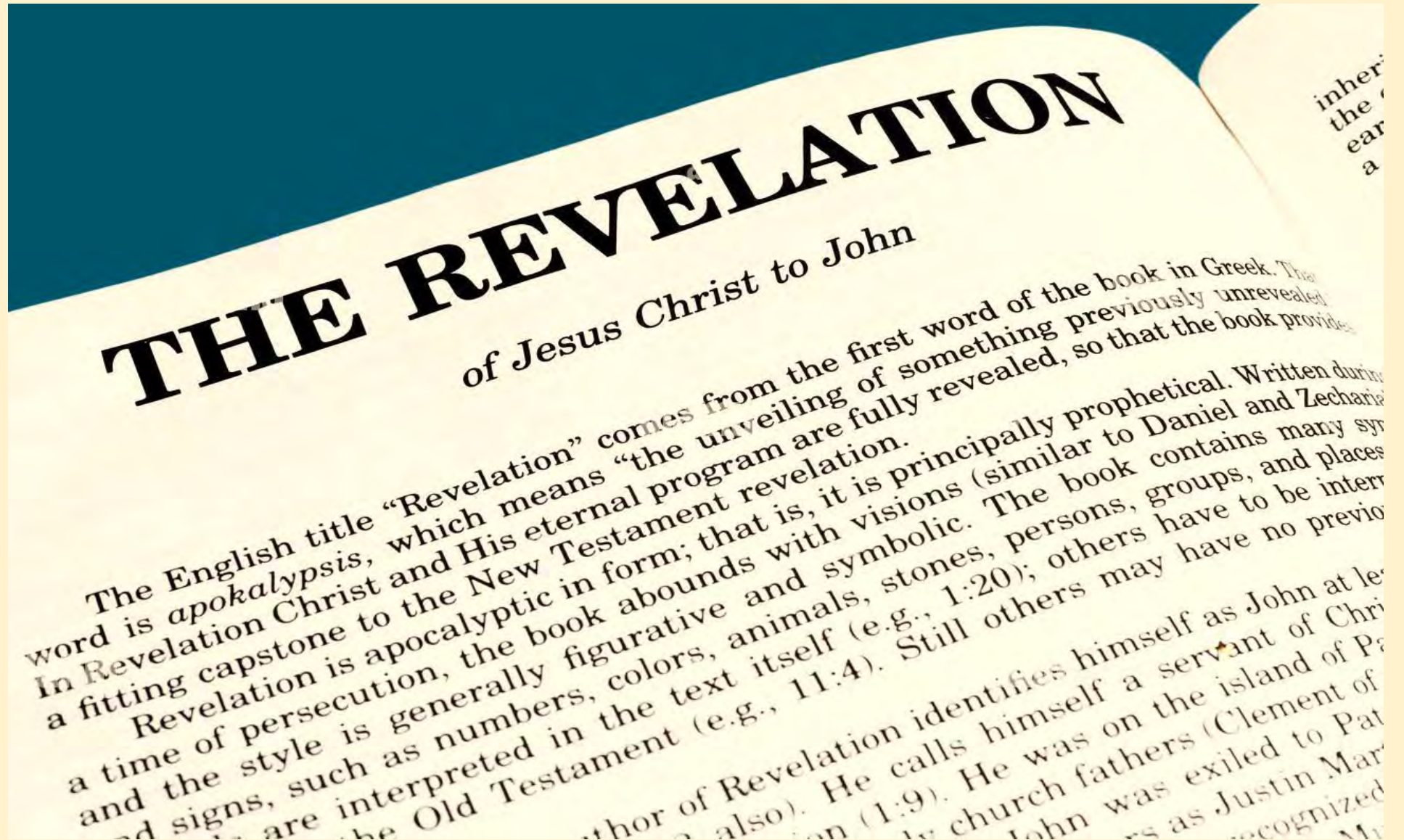
**** JOH.7:37** *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried,*

*saying, **if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.***

REV.22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of **the prophecy of this book**, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

REV.22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of **the book of this prophecy**, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in **this book**.

The Lord is talking about this particular book, the book of Revelation! You shouldn't add anything to it, and you shouldn't take anything from it. He was not saying that this meant this was the end of God ever speaking again. And thank God the actual original text of this book has survived the centuries.



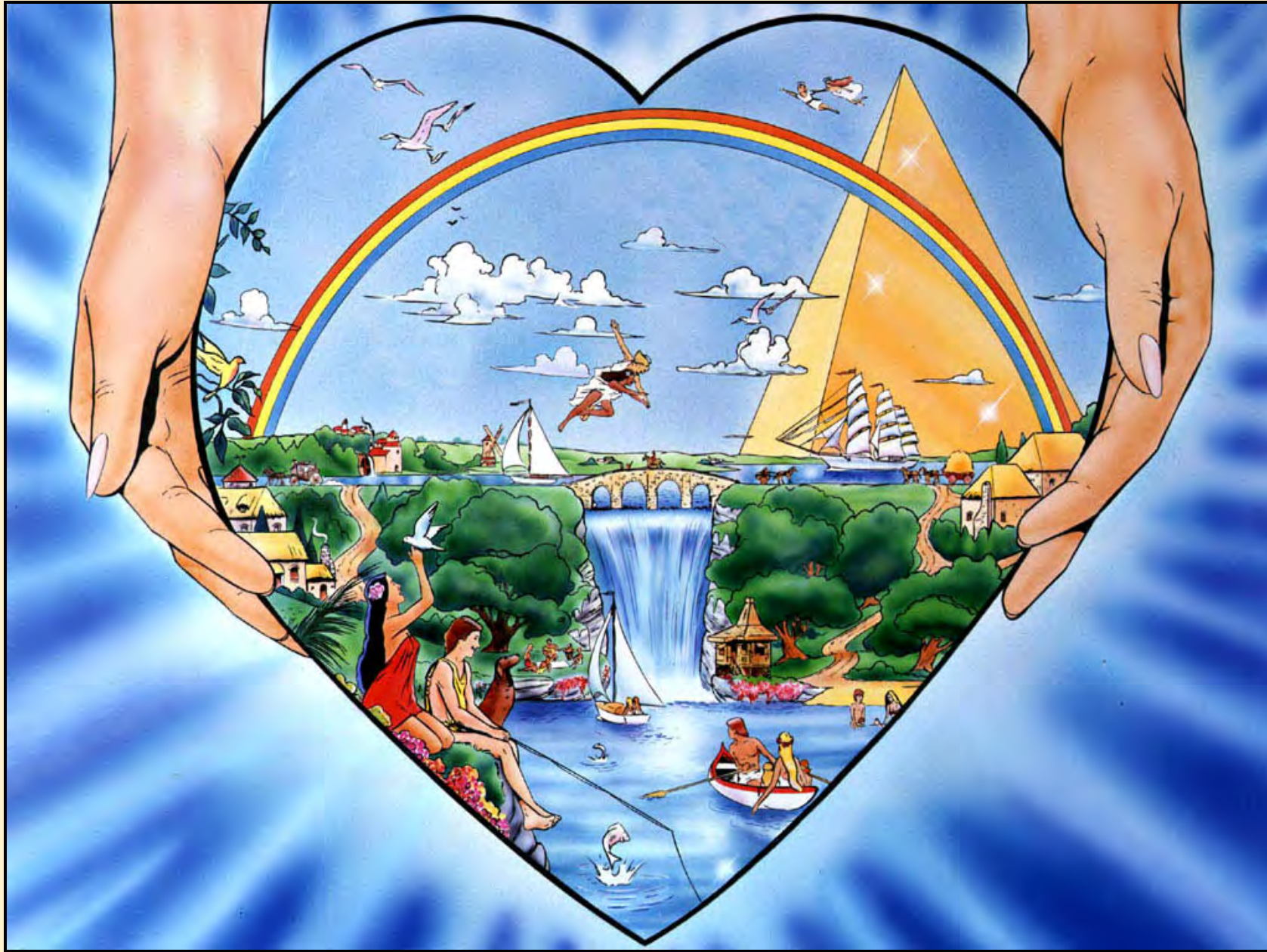
**Even so, come,
Lord Jesus.**

REV.22:20 He which testifies these things saith, surely, I come quickly. Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

**** HEB.9:28** *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

REV.22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

It will be a better world then with better people who will have learned their lessons of the Law of



the Love of God and will be happier than ever before, because at last they will be purged, purified of their sins of rebellion against Him and healed by the leaves of the Trees of Life which we shall minister to them from where they grow by the River of Life within the City! Hallelujah!

Everybody will be satisfied and know that he got just what he deserved, just what he needed. There will be nothing but righteousness then--no more evil, no wicked, no more wickedness, no more disobedience! All men everywhere will worship Him, all men everywhere will know Him, all nations shall

fall down before Him and serve Him, and the whole Earth will be restored!

"That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in Heaven, and which are on Earth; even in Him. That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus!" (Eph.1:10; 2:7.)



And when that's all done, who knows what God will have in store for us? Who knows what other task or mission the Lord may have for us to do throughout this vast universe! What's the whole universe and all this huge amount of space for if He's only interested in the Earth alone? Maybe God didn't go that far in His Word to tell us what He has in mind when we get to that point because maybe we don't have to know that far ahead! He went far enough though even to tell us this much, as much as He has!

But Heaven is not the end! -It's only the beginning! God only knows how much more we'll have to conquer after we've conquered the Earth and all the souls who have ever lived on it and all their problems! Who knows what other worlds and realms we may have yet to discover!

We're going to go right on through the Coming of Christ, the Millennium, and the Heavenly City and right on out to Outer Space, and God only knows how far we have to go! --And we'll enjoy every minute of it if we're faithful servants!



We hope these lessons have given you a little better idea and concept of what Heaven is really like, from the descriptions that God has already given us in the Bible. And we hope that it thrills you and fills you with a desire to see it and be there soon!



Are you ready for it? Have you got your reservation in? Are you going to be able to walk in that City? It says,

"Only the saved shall walk therein."
(Rev.21:24.)

You don't want to miss that, do you? You don't want to settle for just living outside the City and viewing it from afar, do you?



Don't you want to live there, inside the World of the beautiful Holy City of the Saved, and be able to go out and minister to the folks who we're going to be saving, rejuvenating, rehabilitating, reconstructing and reconciling?

Admission to this great Heavenly City is free! -
-Already paid for by the Blood of Jesus on the Cross! All you have to do is receive Jesus as your Saviour! --Take Him now! --Have your name put in the Lamb's Book of Life in Heaven so you'll be sure you've got your reservation confirmed for one of those mansions in God's Golden Heavenly City!

The guests will come from every period of history: there will be not only Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets but also people from every nation and every quarter of the globe. What a vast assemblage of faith, what an accumulated wealth of experience.

What table-talk there will be at that eternal banquet, with all of every nation knowing and understanding and enriching each other because each one in the course of life's journey came to know the Master of the House! (*Luk.13:29*) That's the place you'll be happy forever with Jesus! If you love, receive and live for Him now!

You can receive Him at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please do this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen."

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