### Three Angels, One Message God's Everlasting Gospel



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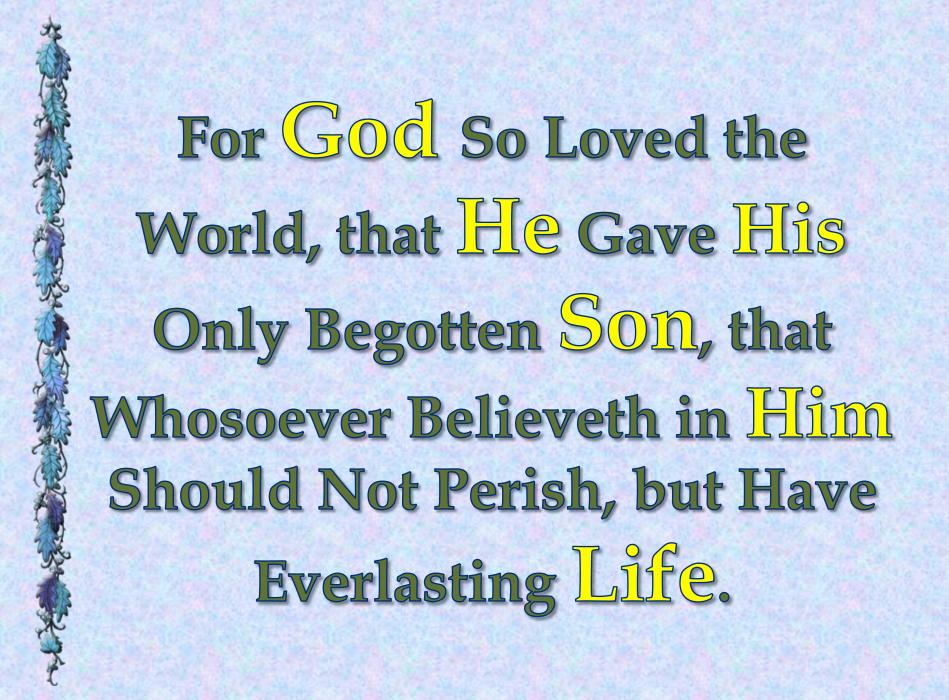


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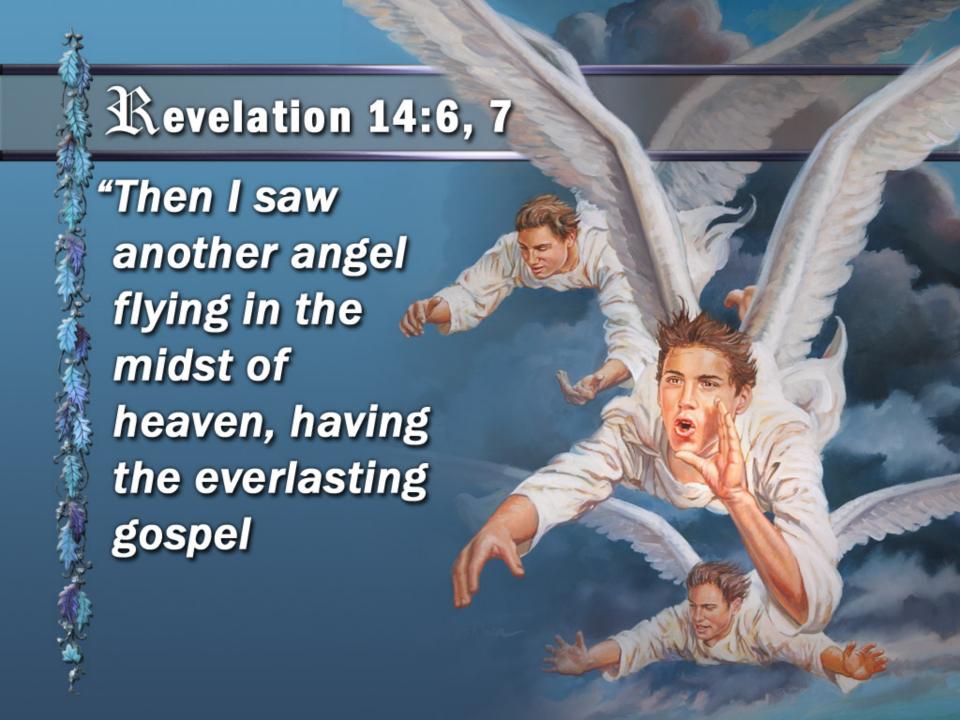
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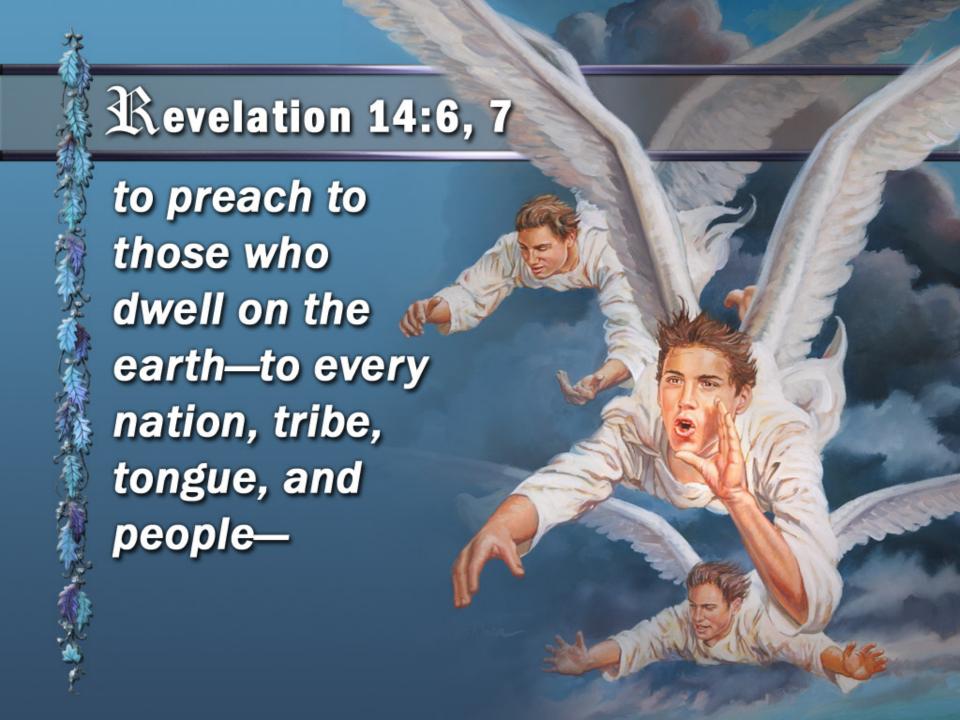


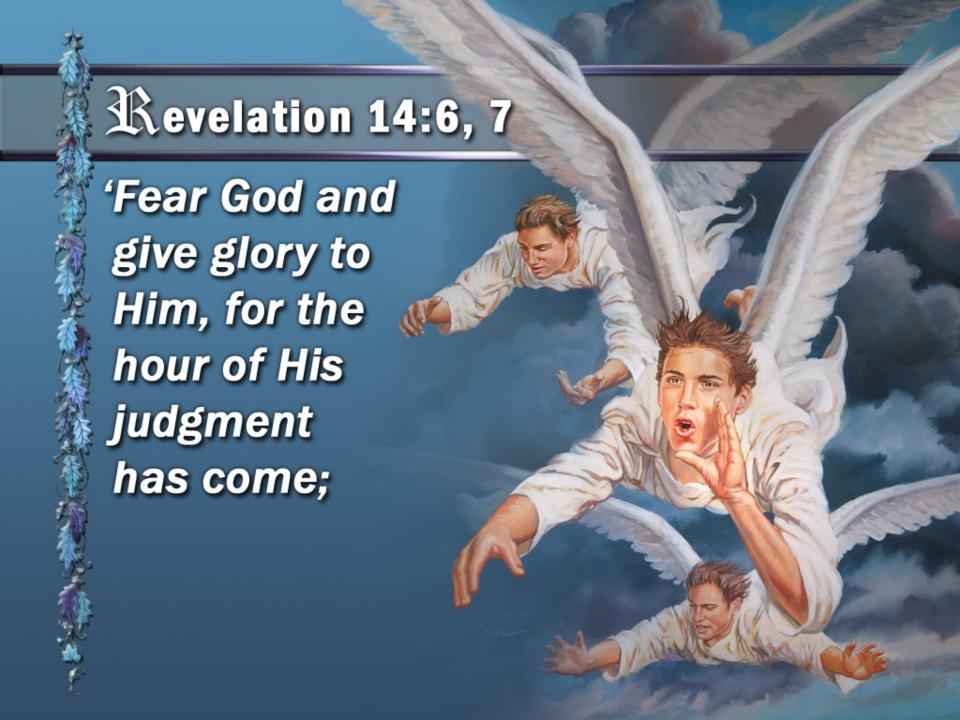
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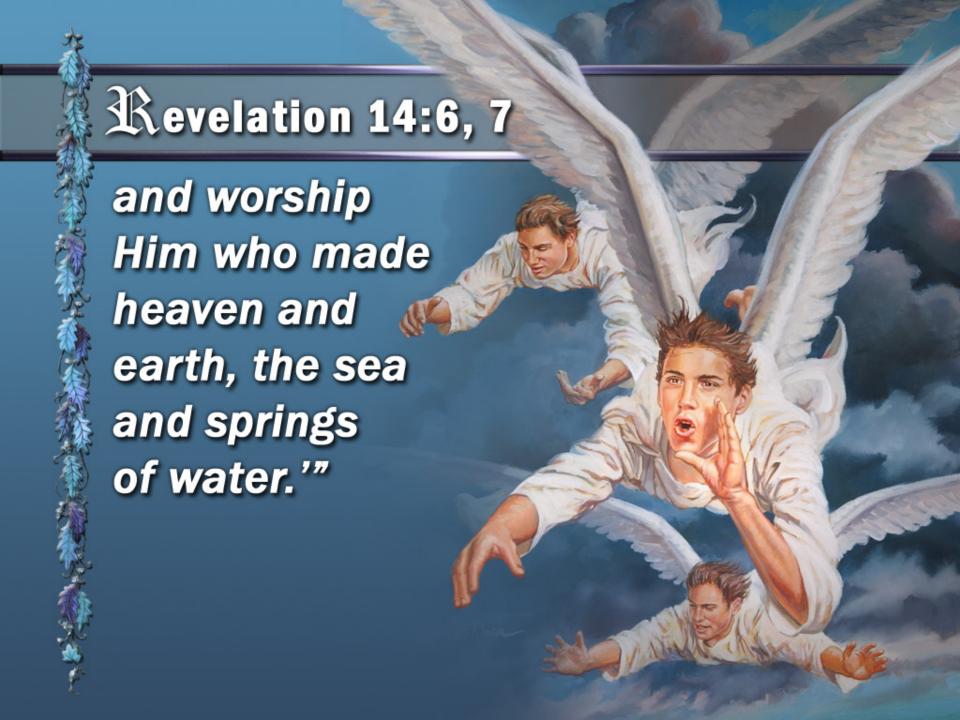












"And another angel followed, saying 'Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.'





"Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

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"he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength 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.





"And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

Revelation 14:6-12





## These are awesome words!

## Can we reconcile God's love with them?



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The Possibility of Rebellion

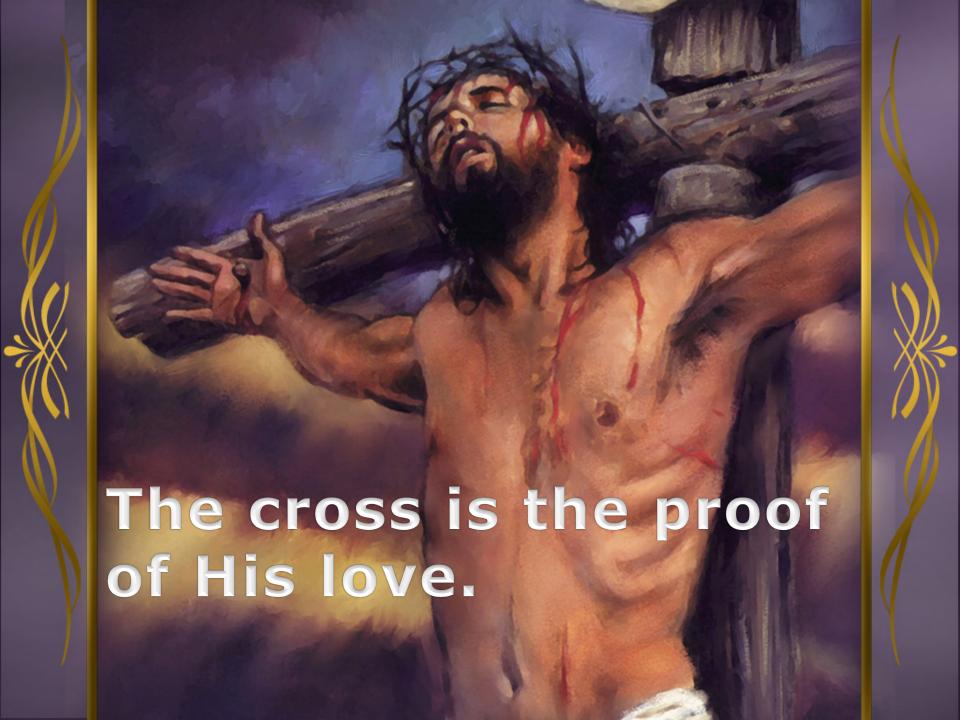


God must fix the sin problem!



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16







So how do we understand the phrases "the wrath of God," "tormented with fire and brimstone" and "the smoke of their torment arises forever and every? Revelation 14:10-11

# Note that there are two "wraths" in Revelation 14:

- 1. The "wrath of Babylon"
- 2. The "wrath of God"

# You could phrase this as the "wrath of the beast," or the "wrath of the Lamb."





At the time of Jesus' coming, the the wicked say to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne

"and from the wrath of the Lamb. For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Revelation 6:17



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Revelation 14:8



# "He was granted power to give breath to the image of the best, that the image of the beast

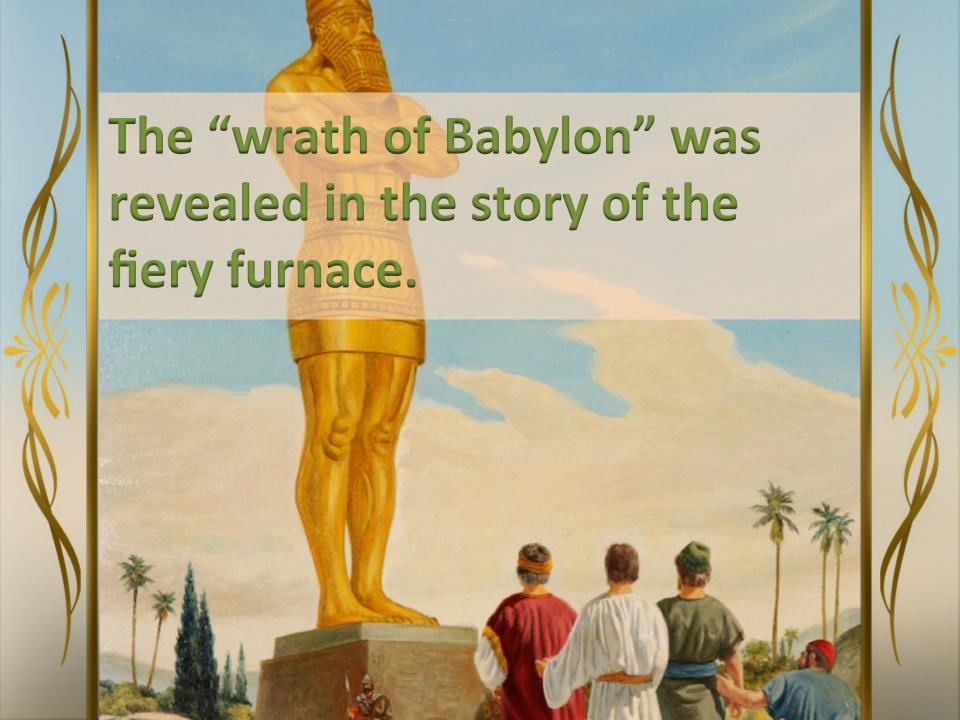




"should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed."

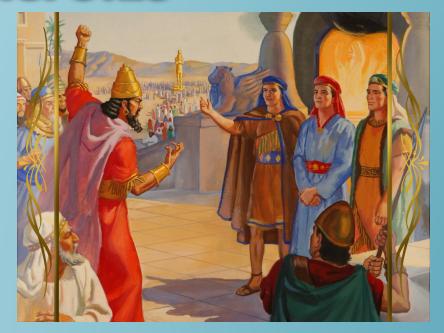
Revelation 13:15





"Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring" them forward.

### Daniel 3:13





At that time he "was full of fury and the expression on his face changed" toward them.

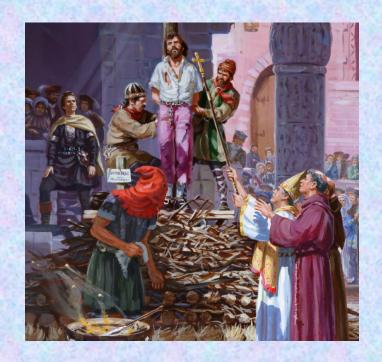
### Daniel 3:19





## The "wrath of Babylon" uses intimidation and force, torture and death.





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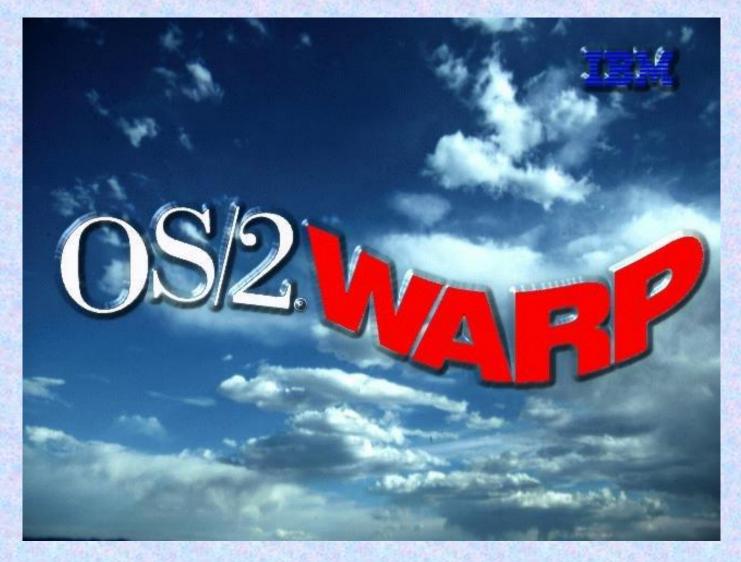
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The Bible teaches us that God not only "loves", but He is love.

#### God values freedom of choice!

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God must deal with the sin problem.



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"You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness."

Habakkuk 1:13



The act of destruction is "foreign" to the heart of the Life giver. It goes "against His nature." It is His "unusual act."

**Isaiah 28:21** 



# God's "wrath" is His allowing the sinner to reap what he has sown. Galatians 6:7, 8





In the first chapter of Romans Paul says that the "wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men."

Romans 1:18



This is an ongoing process, in which God withdraws from those who reject Him and leaves them to their fate.



"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,

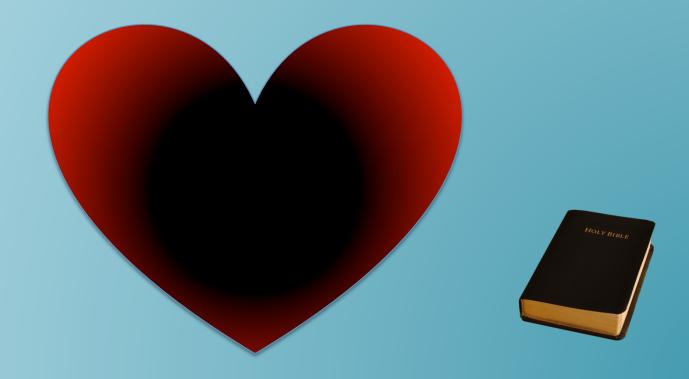




"even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God,



"nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.



"Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man,



and birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness,



"in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,





"and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.



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"For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge,

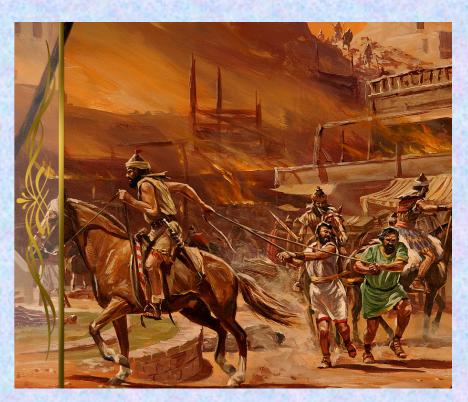


"God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting."

Romans 1:20-26, 28



God's "wrath" was poured out on Israel when He "delivered them" into the hands of their enemies.



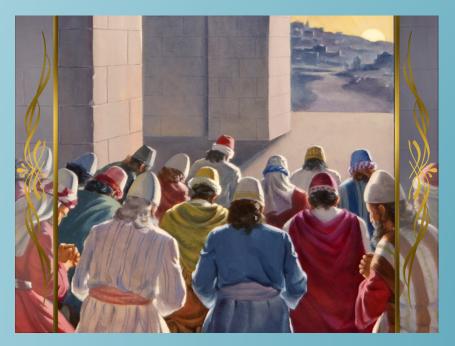
"Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers,



"who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them,



"and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.





"And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of the plunderers who despoiled them;



"and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies."

Judges 2:11-14



"Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked by human precept. Yes, woe to them when I depart from them!



"My God will cast them away, because they did not obey Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations."

Hosea 9:12, 17



"She (Judah) revealed her harlotry and uncovered her nakedness. Then I alienated Myself from her, as I had alienated Myself from her sister (Israel)."

**Ezekiel 23:18** 



"The LORD gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his (Nebuchadnezzar's) hand."

Daniel 1:2



"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together,



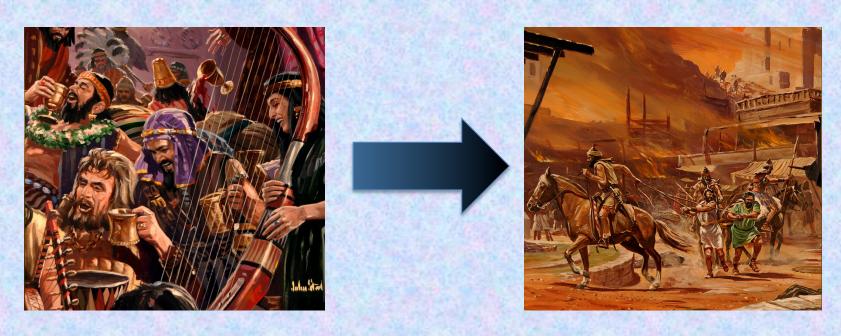
"as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate."

Matthew 23:37, 38





God's wrath is the withdrawal of His presence and protection, leaving the sinner to suffer the consequences of their choices.



The Bible's world-view: This planet was created perfect, but man "handed the keys" to the devil when he chose to sin. This world, and its inhabitants became the "property" of the devil.





Even then, God "restrained" the devil's activities and protects us from him.

"He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge."

**Psalm 91:4** 



But if we chose to reject God, He will honor our request and reluctantly let us go, removing His protective presence and allowing us to reap the consequences of our choices. This is His "wrath."

Up to this point, His "wrath" has been mingled with mercy. Here it is poured out in "full strength."

The "cup" represents guilt, judgment and the ordeal of suffering that goes with them. "Let this 'cup' pass from Me."

Matthew 26:39

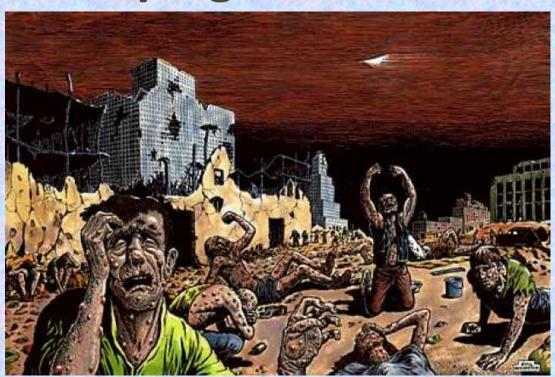


"For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is fully mixed and He pours it out; surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down."

**Psalm 75:8** 



## "Indignation" is a Bible code word that applies especially to the seven last plagues.



http://www.atotheword.com/2012/02/12/first-angel-first-plague/

"He cast on them (inhabitants of Egypt) the fierceness of His anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble, by sending angels of destruction among them.



"He made a path for His anger; He did not spare their soul from death, but gave their life over to the plague, and destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt."

Psalm 78:49-51

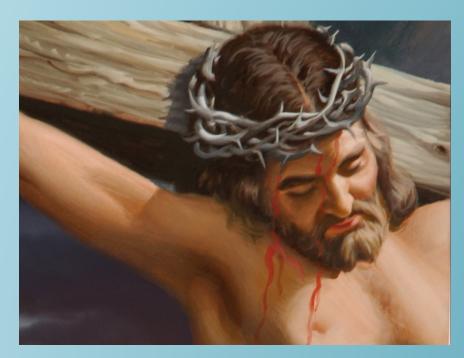


"The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and show the descent of His arm, with the indignation of His anger and the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, tempest, and hailstones."

Isaiah 30:30

## "The LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting

King.







"At His wrath the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to abide His indignation."

Jeremiah 10:10



"Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him. The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble." Nahum 1:6, 7

"Come, My people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you. Hide yourself as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past.



"For the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain." Isaiah 26:20, 27



He allows us to choose.

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This is love!

One who clings to sin would find heaven's purity intolerable. God will not compel a person to live in that "misery."

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Though we have sinned and deserve to die, Jesus came and died for us, giving us the hope of salvation.

This is love!

Jesus drank the "cup" for us! "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You

forsaken Me?"

Matthew 27:46



"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

Romans 8:32



What about the phrase, "the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever"?

Does this mean that the wicked will burn eternally?

Everlasting "punishment" is not the same thing as everlasting "punishing."

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'



"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



Matthew 25:41, 46

The word in Greek (aion) and the word in Hebrew (olam) both have the primary meaning of "as long as it lasts."

Hannah lent her son Samuel to the Lord "forever," then explained, "as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord."

I Samuel 22, 28



In Jonah's case, he said that he was in the belly of the great fish "forever," which is documented to be "three days and three nights."

Jonah 2:6; 1:17



"As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Jude 7

So Sodom and Gomorrah suffered "eternal fire," but they're not burning today!

## What about "unquenchable fire"? Matthew 3:12





"But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day,



"then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched."

Jeremiah 17:27



"He burned the house of the LORD and the king's house; all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great men, he burned with fire."

II Kings 25:9



"Then they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah."

II Chronicles 36:19, 20

"The LORD has fulfilled His fury,
He has poured out His fierce
anger, He kindled a fire in Zion,
and it has devoured its
foundations."

Lamentations 4:11



So Jerusalem was burned; it suffered unquenchable fire, but it's not burning today!

Keep in mind that of the 404 verses in Revelation, about 250 of them contain quotes, references or allusions to Old Testament Scripture.

Concerning Edom the Lord said, "For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed it shall come down on Edom. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.



"For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, the year of recompense for the cause of Zion. Its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone;



"its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day; its *smoke shall* ascend forever."

Isaiah 34:5, 6, 8-10



Edom was burned and it's "smoke ascended forever," a picture of complete destruction.

When the fires of destruction burn there will be no escape from them for the wicked; they will have "no rest day or night."

While they burn, the fires are unquenchable. The effect of these fires will be everlasting.



"Therefore they shall be like the morning cloud and like the early dew that passes away, like chaff blown off from a threshing floor and like smoke from a chimney."

**Hosea 13:3** 



"Do not fret because of evildoers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.



"The wicked shall perish; and the enemies of the LORD, like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away."

Psalm 37:1, 2, 20



Speaking about the destruction of the wicked, the Scriptures use very emphatic verbs like "consume," "devour" and "burn up," which convey the idea of total and complete destruction.

"May sinners be consumed from the earth, and the wicked be no more."

Psalm 104:35



"The wicked are overthrown and are no more."

Proverbs 12:7



"They shall be as though they had never been."

Obadiah 16



"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble.



"And the day which is coming shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that will leave them neither root nor branch.



"But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.



"You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,' says the LORD of hosts.".

Malachi 4:1-3



"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23



"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."

John 3:16



Consider the geographical impossibility of a never-ending hell.

"They (the wicked) went upon the breadth (or surface) of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them."

**Revelation 20:9** 



This destruction that "devours" the wicked is something that happens "upon the earth."



Along with this, we remember that Jesus promised that the "meek shall inherit the earth."

Matthew 5:5



"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:4



"He will make an utter end of it.

Affliction will not rise up a second time."

Nahum 1:9



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Jesus paid for our sins by dying on the cross.

## "The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:6



If Jesus suffered the penalty for all the sins of the world and accomplished that on that one

day,



Why would it make sense then that those individuals who refuse the Gift and demand to pay for their own sins would be required to suffer for eternity?

If it does indeed require an eternity's worth of suffering to pay for sin, even the sins of one single person,

then Jesus must remain on the cross also for that length of time to pay for the sins of one individual who is saved, much less the sins of the entire world!

The Bible presents, not a picture of a "vengeful God," but of a "benevolent Ruler," Who must deal with sin, yet gives to all the invitation to receive salvation.

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

### Revelation 14:12





"Patience" means tenacity in the face of trial, endurance through hardship.

"Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,



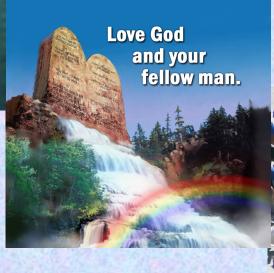
"waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

James 5:7, 8



## The "commandments of God" must be the Ten Commandments.







"'If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments. He said to Him, 'which ones?' Jesus said, 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and mother."

**Matthew 19:17-19** 

"Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good."

Romans 7:12

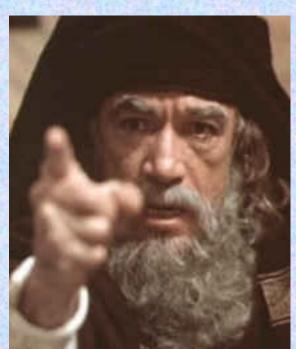


"I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet.'"

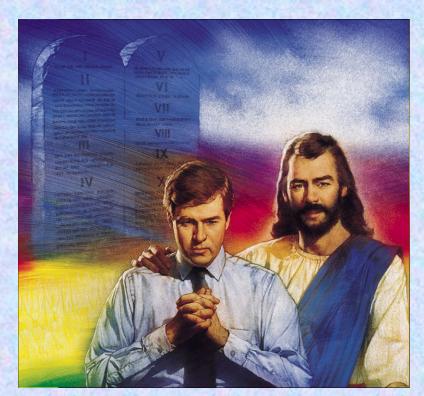
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# Obedience with the wrong motive is legalism. Obedience with the right motive is loyalty.

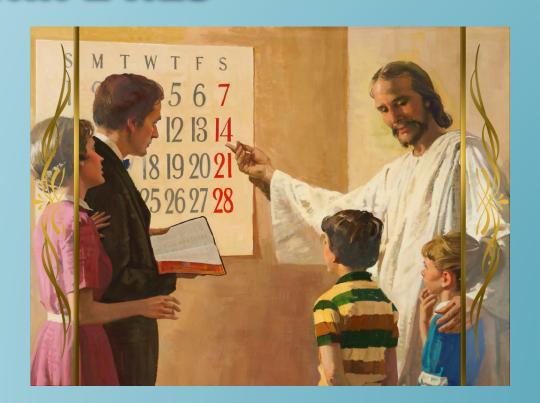


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### "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

### John 14:15





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Revelation 14:12



## "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

#### Philippians 2:5





## "I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts."

#### Hebrews 8:10







#### God has a "Plan for this Planet"!

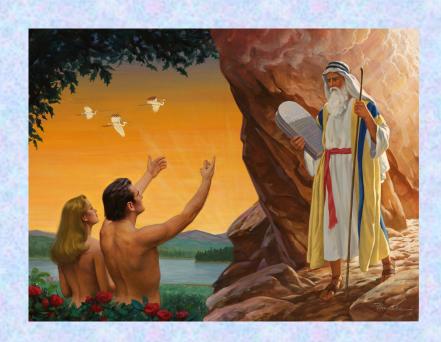


The issue is simple: Who will respond to God's grace and receive His Gift of salvation and express their appreciation in obeying Him through faith?

# The Angels of Revelation 14 give "one message," the message of God's love!



This message includes a command to "fear God," and "give Him glory." It tells us that the "hour of His judgment has come."





It invites us to "worship Him Who made," which most certainly includes the honoring of His reminder of creation, the seventh-day Sabbath.





It warns us against false systems of worship, and receiving the mark of the beast, which will become effective when Sunday worship is mandated by law.



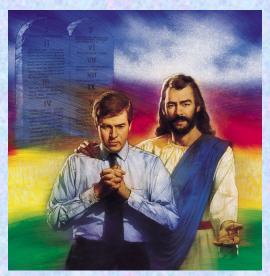


Those who knowingly rebel against God and His holy law will drink from the "cup of His indignation," and be unsheltered during the 7 last plagues, and finally be lost forever.

Two Groups:

Christ's invitation is to receive
Him and be patient; to be loyal
and obedient, obeying all of His
commandments by receiving the
New Covenant promise,





of Christ dwelling within us through His Spirit, giving us His faith and victory.



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