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How can God allow us freedom of choice for all eternity, yet guarantee no one will ever choose to rebel again?



The answer to this critical question is found in a study of the Second Coming of Jesus and the events immediately preceding and following Christ's return.



2 Peter 3:3–7

... scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”



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Revelation 19:11–16

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness He judges and makes war**. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.



Revelation 19:11–16

And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.



Revelation 19:17

Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."



Revelation 19:21

And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.



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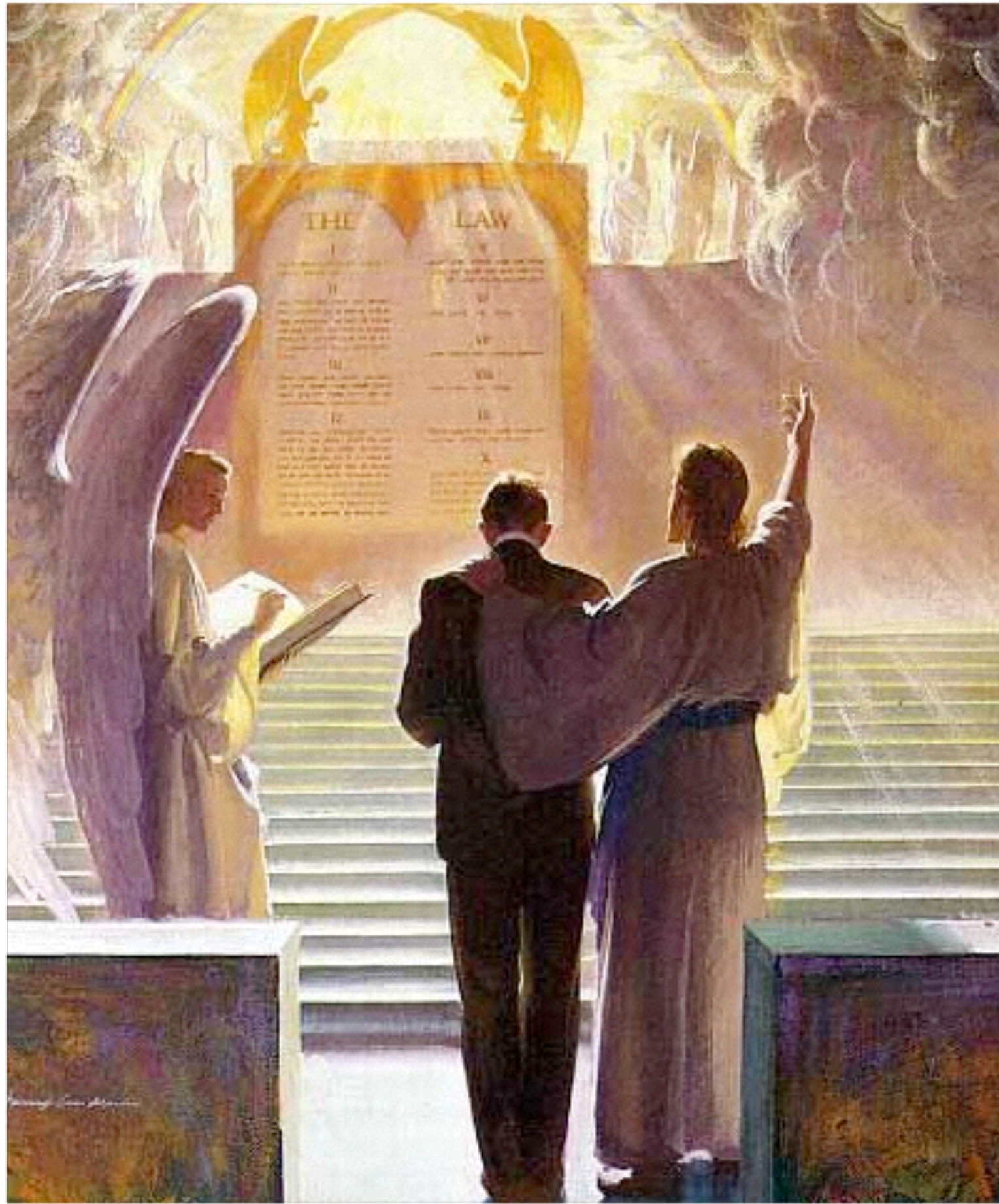


Why is Satan the only wicked being
to survive the Second Coming?



If unfallen angels and the redeemed of humanity have finally rejected Satan, why give him any more time to live?





Satan's continued existence beyond the Second Coming only makes sense when we understand God's process for judging the world.



Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For **God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.**



Acts 17:30, 31

Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because **He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.** He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”



Daniel 7:9–14

“I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. **The court was seated, and the books were opened.**



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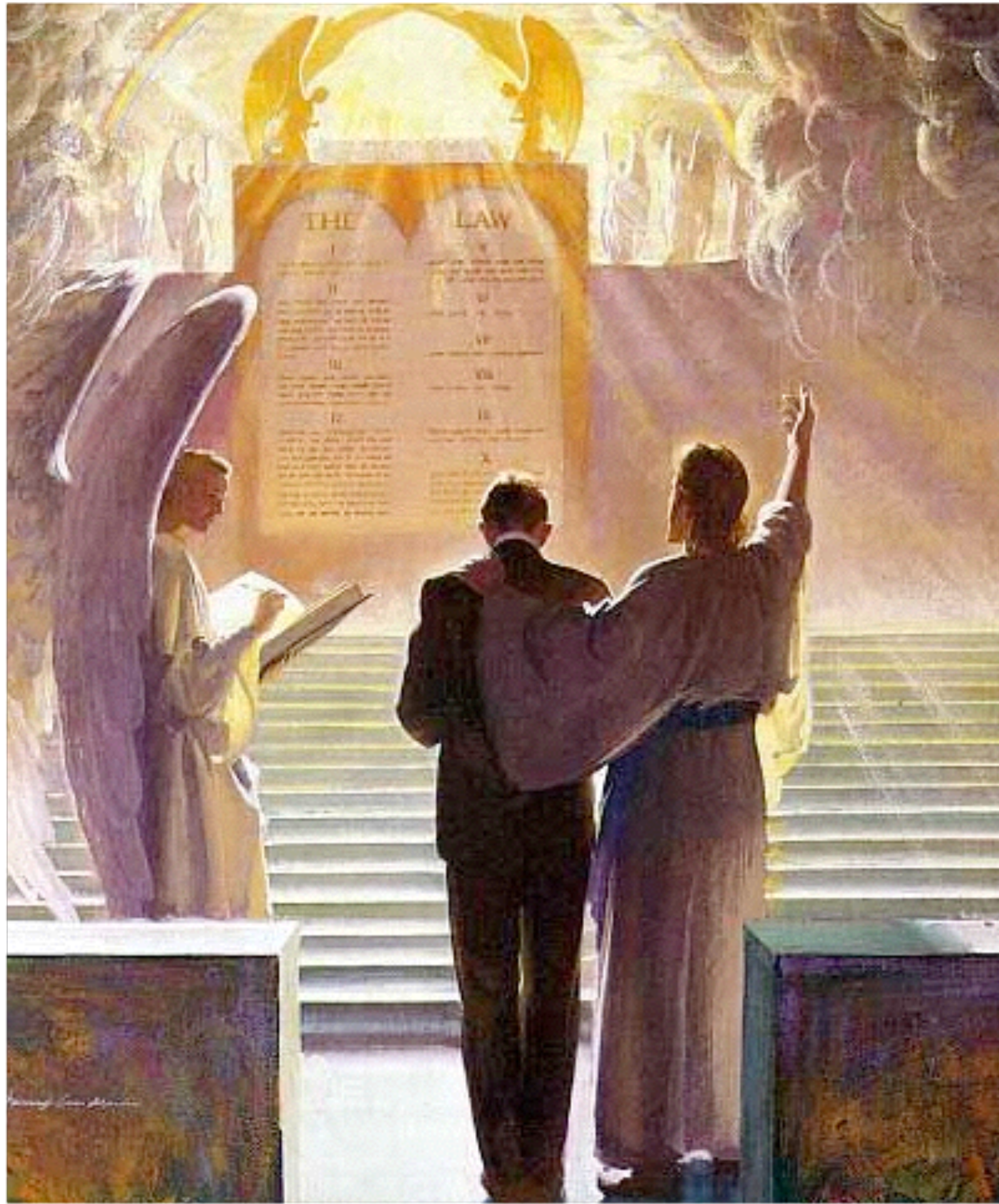
“I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! **He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.** Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.



Revelation 22:11, 12

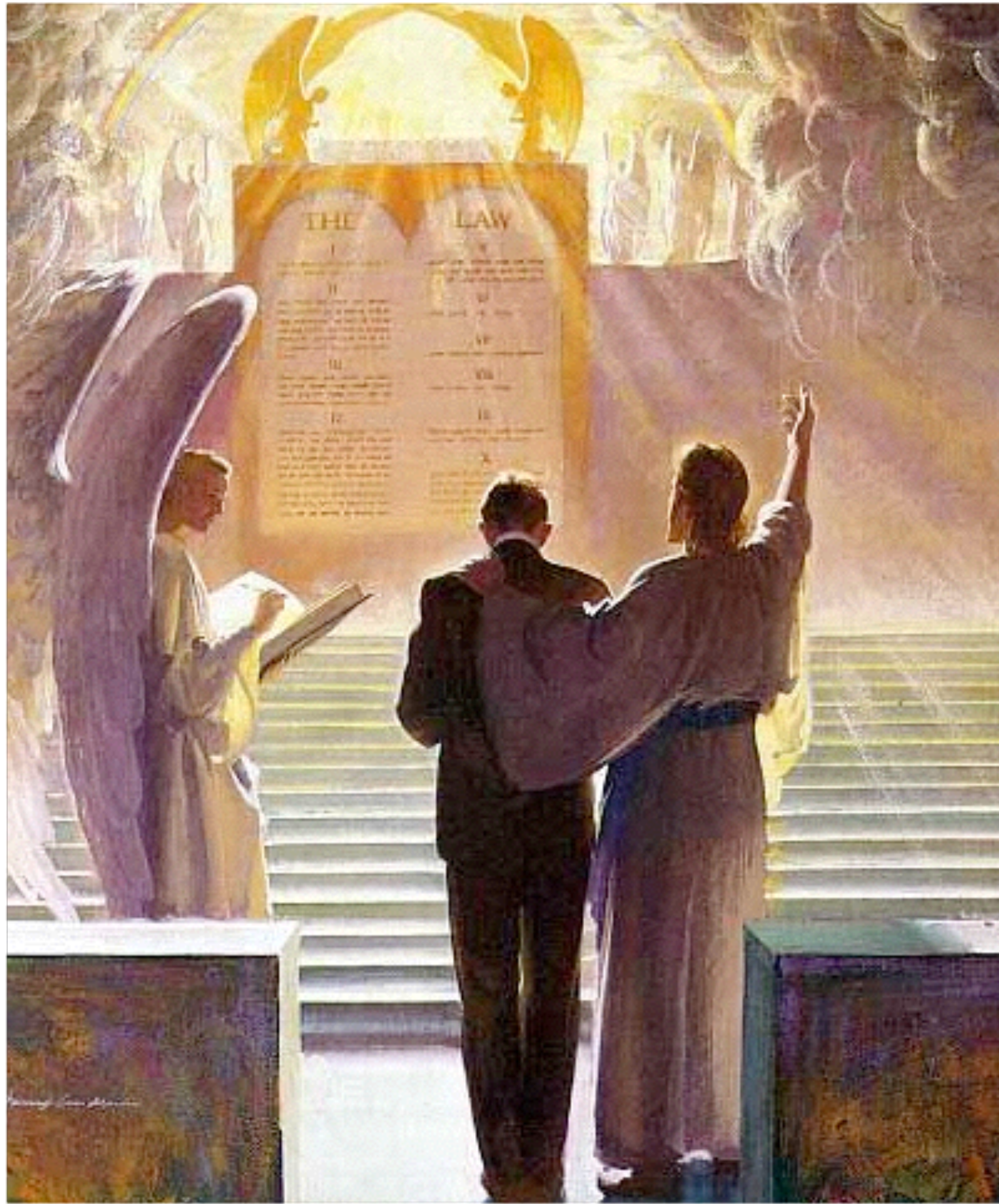
He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.**”





Christ determines who is saved and who is lost during a judgment that takes place **BEFORE** He returns.





In this pre-Advent judgment, the **VERDICT** of each case is rendered by Jesus Christ.





When Jesus returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected and join the righteous living in the air.



1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.





At the same time, the living wicked will die, thus gathering all the wicked together in the grave.



Matthew 13:37–43

Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire.



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- ✓ **How does the Millennium in any way demonstrate God's character of love and justice?**



Revelation 20:4

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, **and judgment was committed to them.** Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.





Though Christ judged the world **BEFORE** His return, another work of judgment is entrusted to the redeemed **AFTER** His return.



1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore **judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes**, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts.



1 Corinthians 6:2,3

Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?



Psalm 149

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints... for the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.



Psalm 149

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, **and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples;** to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; **to execute on them the written judgment— this honor have all His saints.** Praise the Lord!



At this time the righteous reign as kings and priests unto God. John in the Revelation says: "I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them."
"They shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." (Revelation 20:4, 6). It is at this time that, as foretold by Paul, "the saints shall judge the world." (1 Corinthians 6:2).



In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death.





In this post-Advent judgment, the **SENTENCE** of each case is rendered by Jesus Christ in cooperation with the redeemed.





Removing all doubt as to His fairness and justice, Christ invites the redeemed—the only inhabitants of heaven who can fully sympathize with the wicked—into His deliberations about the destruction of the lost.



Revelation 20:7–9

Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth... to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.



Revelation 20:12, 13

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books... And they were judged, each one according to his works.



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- ✓ **The wicked see they would not be satisfied living in God's pure kingdom.**



Isaiah 45:22–24

“Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. He shall say, ‘Surely in the Lord I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him.



For thousands of years this chief of conspiracy has palmed off falsehood for truth. But the time has now come when the rebellion is to be finally defeated and the history and character of Satan disclosed. In his last great effort to dethrone Christ, destroy His people, and take possession of the City of God, the archdeceiver has been fully unmasked.



Those who have united with him see the total failure of his cause. Christ's followers and the loyal angels behold the full extent of his machinations against the government of God. He is the object of universal abhorrence.



Satan sees that his voluntary rebellion has unfitted him for heaven. He has trained his powers to war against God; the purity, peace, and harmony of heaven would be to him supreme torture. His accusations against the mercy and justice of God are now silenced. The reproach which he has endeavored to cast upon Jehovah rests wholly upon himself. And now Satan bows down and confesses the justice of his sentence.



Every question of truth and error in the long-standing controversy has now been made plain. The results of rebellion, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, have been laid open to the view of all created intelligences. The working out of Satan's rule in contrast with the government of God has been presented to the whole universe.



Satan's own works have condemned him. God's wisdom, His justice, and His goodness stand fully vindicated. It is seen that all His dealings in the great controversy have been conducted with respect to the eternal good of His people and the good of all the worlds that He has created.



The history of sin will stand to all eternity as a witness that with the existence of God's law is bound up the happiness of all the beings He has created. With all the facts of the great controversy in view, the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord declare: "Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints."





God's going to take **EVERYONE** to heaven,





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