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PRACTICAL LIVING IN THE JUDGMENT HOUR



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**THE DEATH DECREE**  
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- **REVELATION  
13:11-14**
- **FIRE FROM HEAVEN**
- **MIRACLES**
- **SATAN PERSONATES  
CHRIST**





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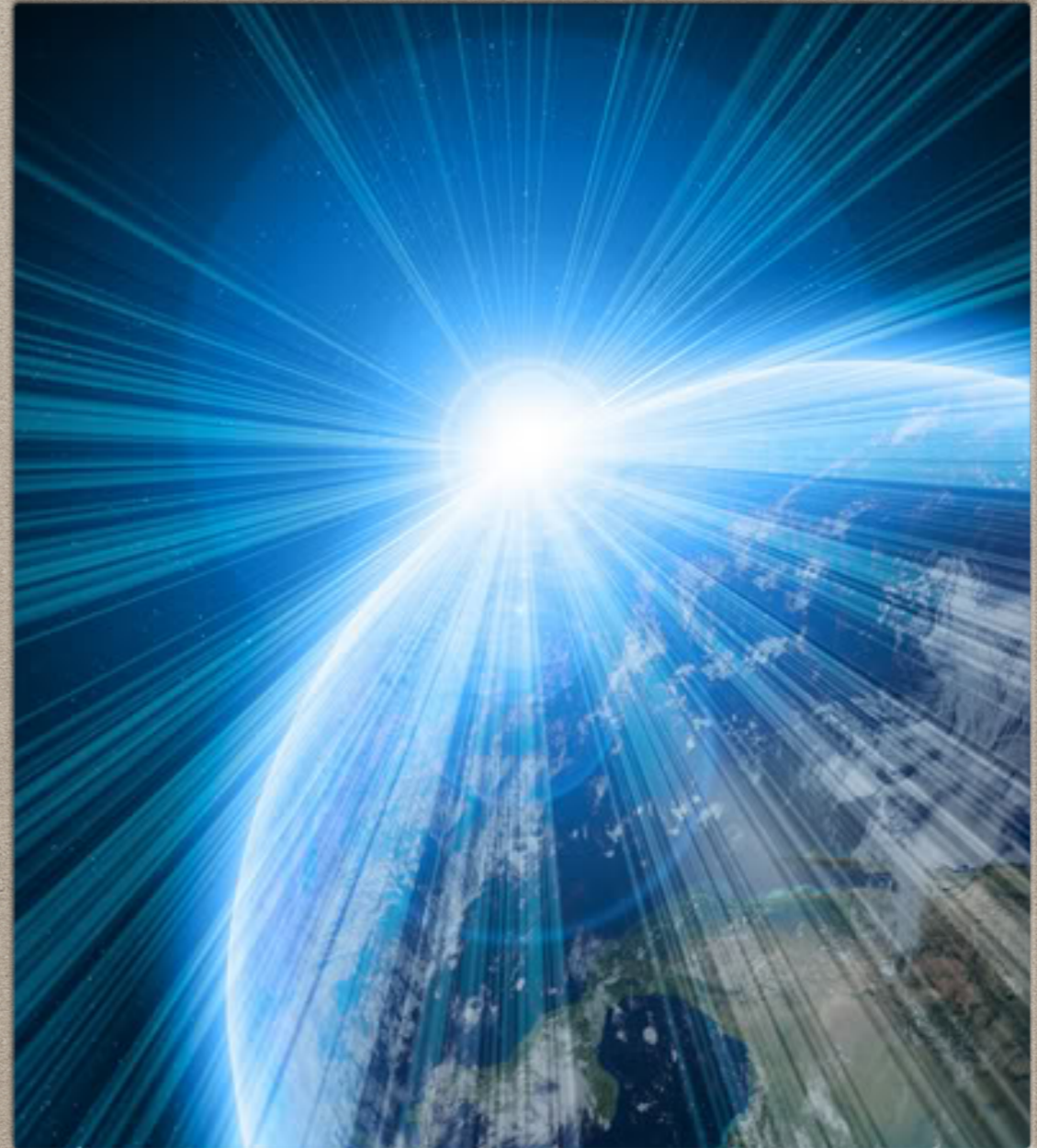
- **STAGE 4 of SUNDAY LAW**
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# **THE DEATH DECREE: REACTION TO LOUD CRY**

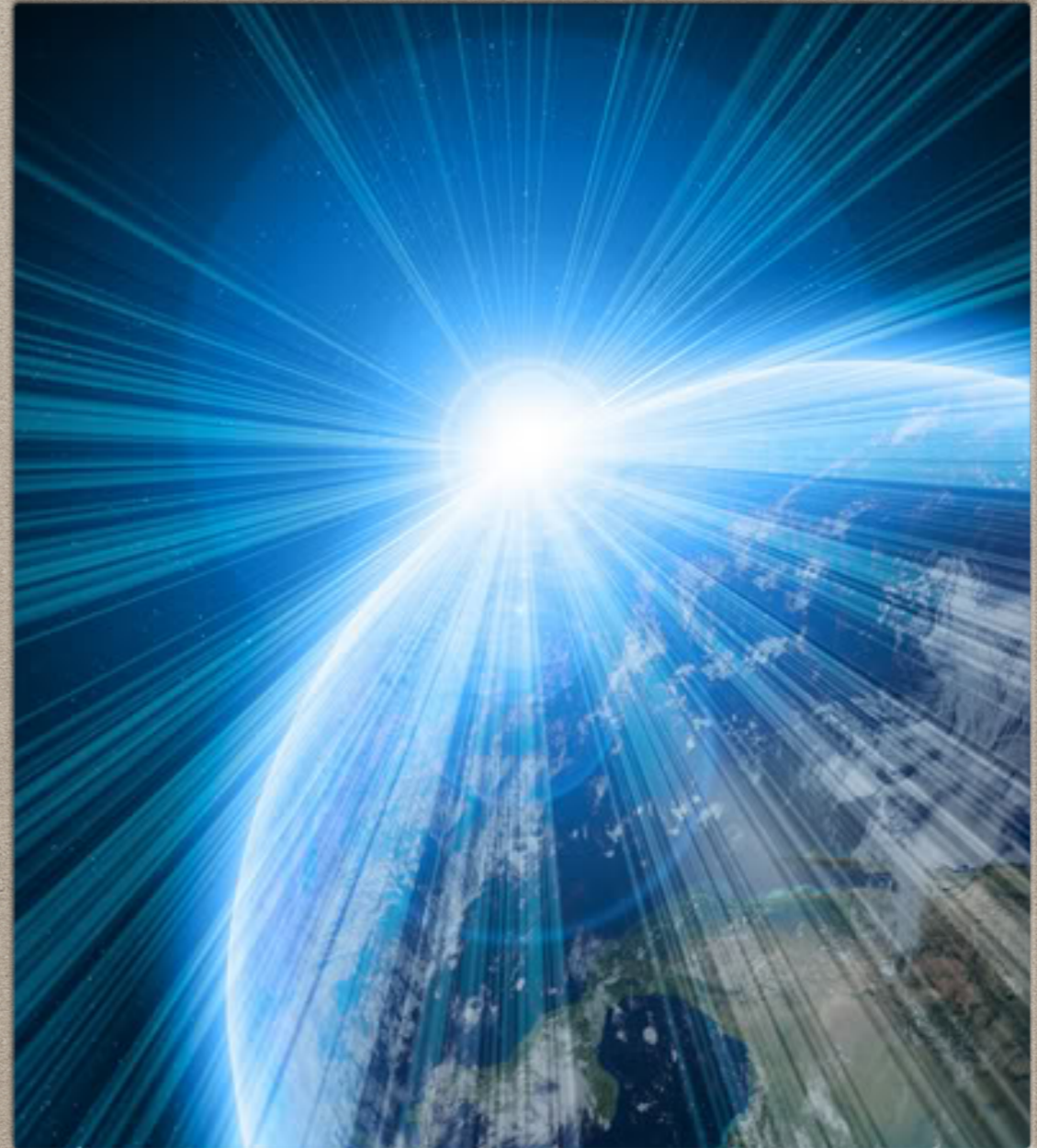
- **DEATH DECREE IS A REACTION TO THE LOUD CRY MESSAGE**
- **LATTER RAIN/LOUD CRY GIVEN BY COVENANT PEOPLE WHO ARE OBEDIENT (ACTS 5:32)**
- **REVELATION 12:17**





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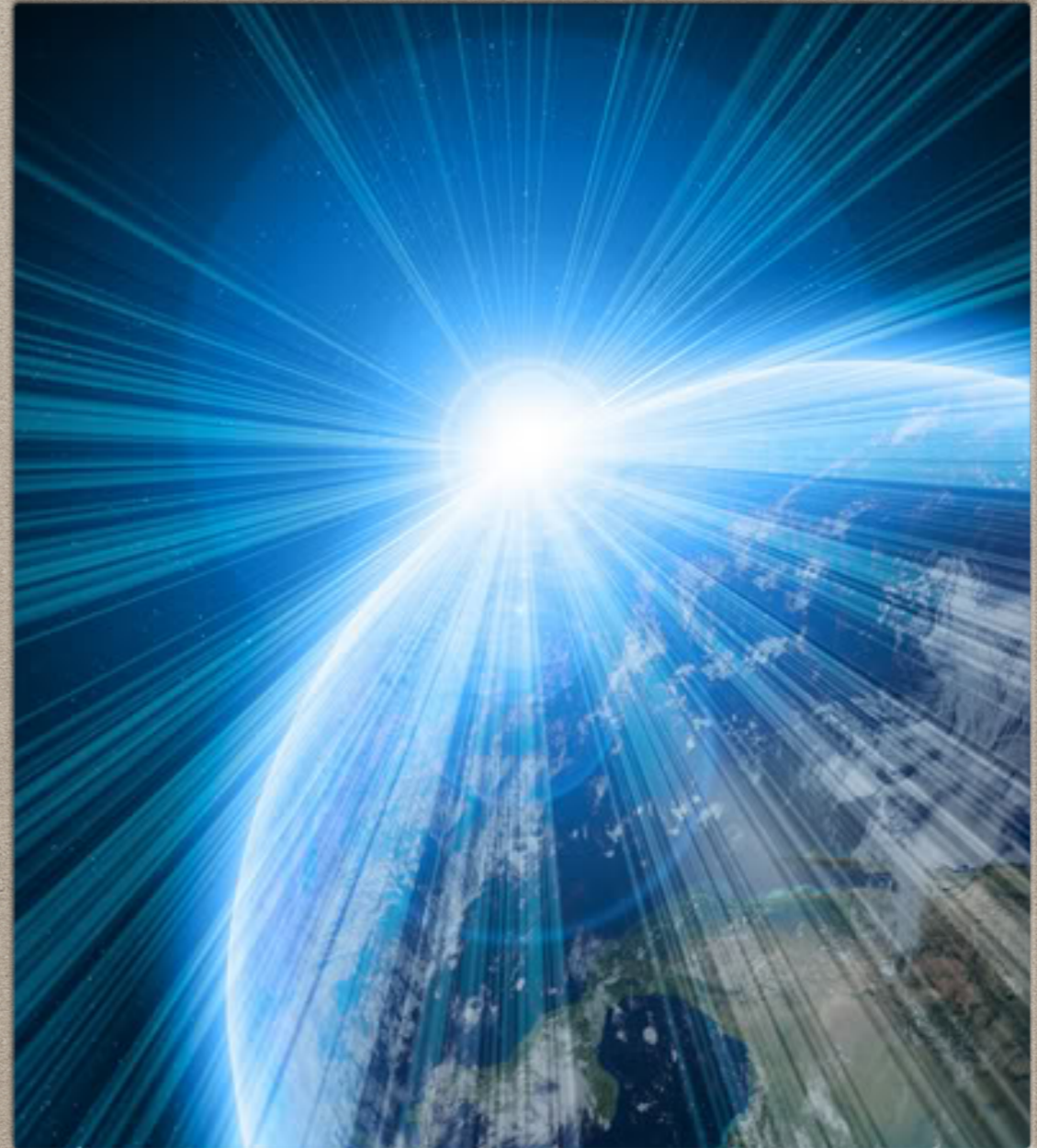
- **DANIEL 11:41-45**
- **PAPACY ENTERS INTO  
GLORIOUS LAND =  
NATIONAL SUNDAY  
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- **VERSE 44 - TIDINGS  
OUT OF EAST AND  
NORTH = LOUD CRY**





# **THE DEATH DECREE: REACTION TO LOUD CRY**

- **DANIEL 11:44 -  
THEREFORE HE SHALL GO  
FORTH TO DESTROY AND  
UTTERLY TO MAKE AWAY  
MANY**
- **REVELATION 12:17**
- **DEATH DECREE**
- **DANIEL 11:45 - ENTIRE  
WORLD UNITES IN DEATH  
DECREE AGAINST GOD'S  
PEOPLE**





# DEATH DECREE = CLOSE OF PROBATION

- **DANIEL 12:1**
- **MICHAEL STANDS UP IN RESPONSE TO DEATH DECREE**
- **REVELATION 22:11**





**Wonderful events are soon to open before the world. The end of all things is at hand. The time of trouble is about to come upon the people of God. Then it is that the decree will go forth forbidding those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord to buy or sell, and threatening them with punishment, and even death, if they do not observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath. (RH November 19, 1908, Art. A, par. 12)**



**“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.” By this we see the importance of having our names written in the book of life. All whose names are registered there will be delivered from Satan’s power, and Christ will command that their filthy garments be removed, and that they be clothed with his righteousness. “And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.” (RH November 19, 1908, Art. A, par. 13)**



**In the time of trouble, Satan stirs up the wicked, and they encircle the people of God to destroy them. But he does not know that "pardon" has been written opposite their names in the books of heaven. He does not know that the command has been given, "Take away the filthy garments" from them, clothe them with "change of raiment," and set "a fair miter" upon their heads. (RH November 19, 1908, Art. A, par. 14)**



# DEATH DECREE = CLOSE OF PROBATION

- **DEATH DECREE IN DANIEL 11:44, 45 LEADS TO CLOSE OF PROBATION AND MICHAEL STANDING UP IN DANIEL 12:1**





**Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Revelation 13:16), shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath. All who refuse compliance will be visited with civil penalties, and it will finally be declared that they are deserving of death. On the other hand, the law of God enjoining the Creator's rest day demands obedience and threatens wrath against all who transgress its precepts. - (GC 604.2)**



**With the issue thus clearly brought before him, whoever shall trample upon God's law to obey a human enactment receives the mark of the beast; he accepts the sign of allegiance to the power which he chooses to obey instead of God. The warning from heaven is: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation."**

**Revelation 14:9, 10. - (GC 604.3)**







**When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof. - (GC 635.1)**



**The people of God—some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains—still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. . . - (GC 635.2)**



**With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness. - (GC 635.3)**



# **CHRONOLOGY OF DEATH DECREE**

- **DEATH DECREE IS WHEN PROBATION CLOSES**
- **SEVEN LAST PLAGUES BEGIN TO FALL**
- **JACOB'S TIME OF TROUBLE BEGINS**
- **GOD'S PEOPLE DELIVERED AT END OF JACOB'S TIME OF TROUBLE**





**When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided; there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people. This small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshaled by the dragon host, make God their defense. The decree has been passed by the highest earthly authority that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark under pain of persecution and death. – 5T 213**



**I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. – *Early Writings*, pp. 36, 37**



# FROM DEATH DECREE TO JACOB'S TIME OF TROUBLE

- **DEATH DECREE BEGINS JACOB'S TIME OF TROUBLE**
- **DANIEL 11:44, 45 - DANIEL 12:1**
- **WILL LOOK AT THIS IN DETAIL NEXT WEEK**

