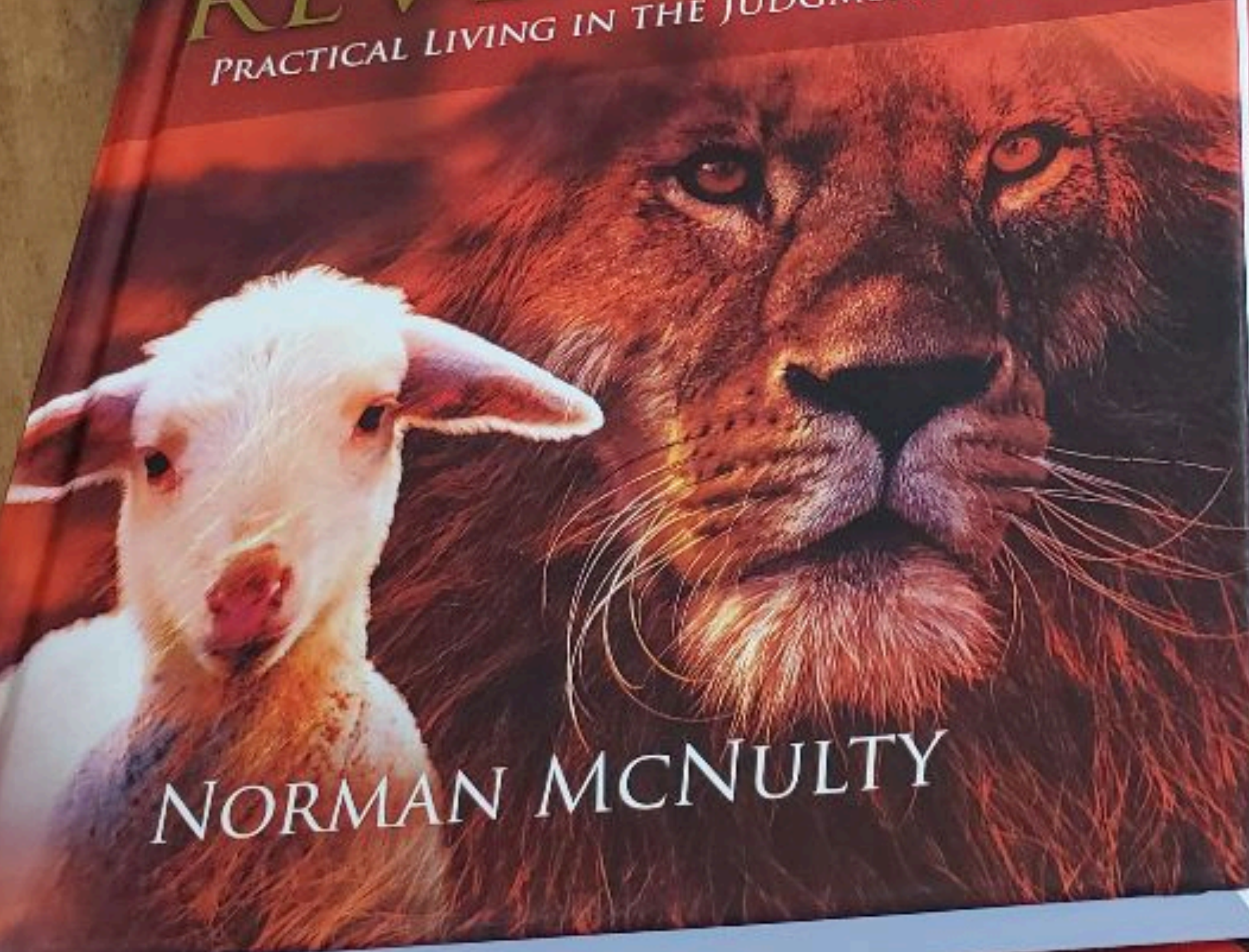


The Three End-Time Antagonists of God's People

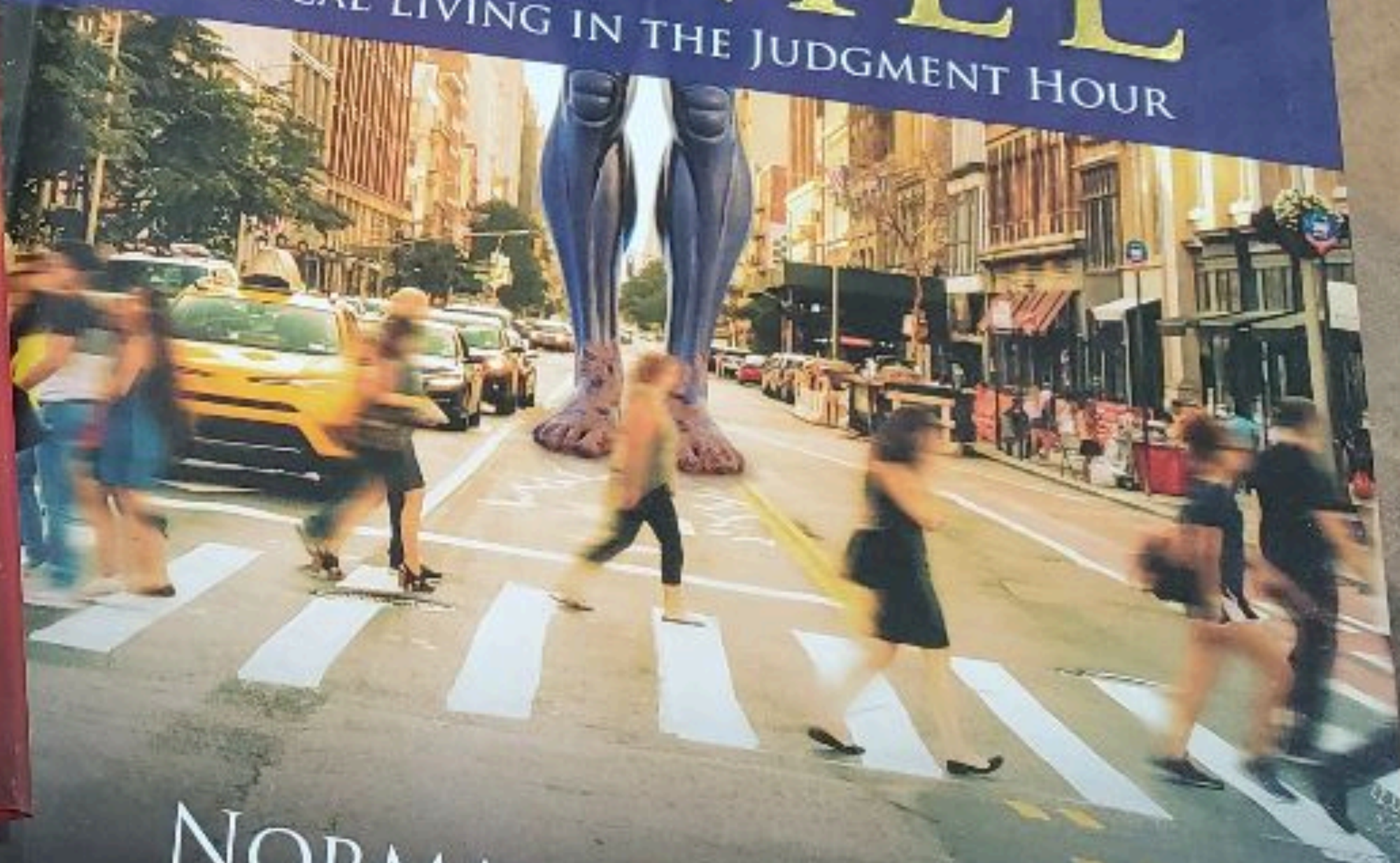
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When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. — *Testimonies to Ministers*, 114

Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed. The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the mysteries that have been hidden from the minds of men.

— *Testimonies to Ministers*, 116



Three Unclean Spirits Like Frogs

Out of the Mouth of:

- 1. The Dragon**
- 2. The Beast**
- 3. The False Prophet**



Beginning of 6th Plague

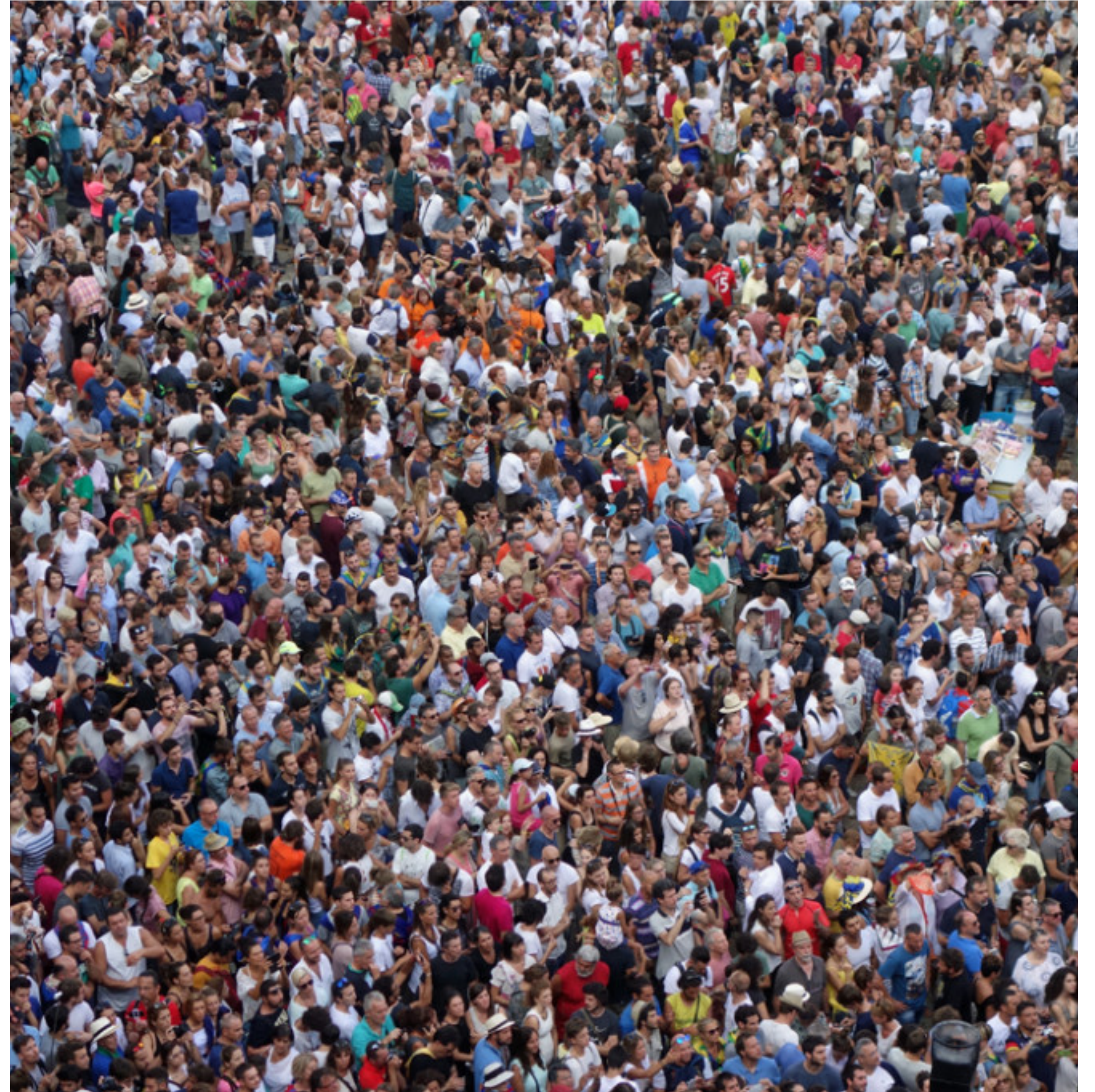
Probation Has Closed

- **River Euphrates Dries Up**
- **Water = People (Rev. 17:15)**
- **Five Plagues Have Fallen**
- **The People of Babylon Have Received the Mark of the Beast**
- **They Have Received the Plagues**
- **They Turn Against Babylon**



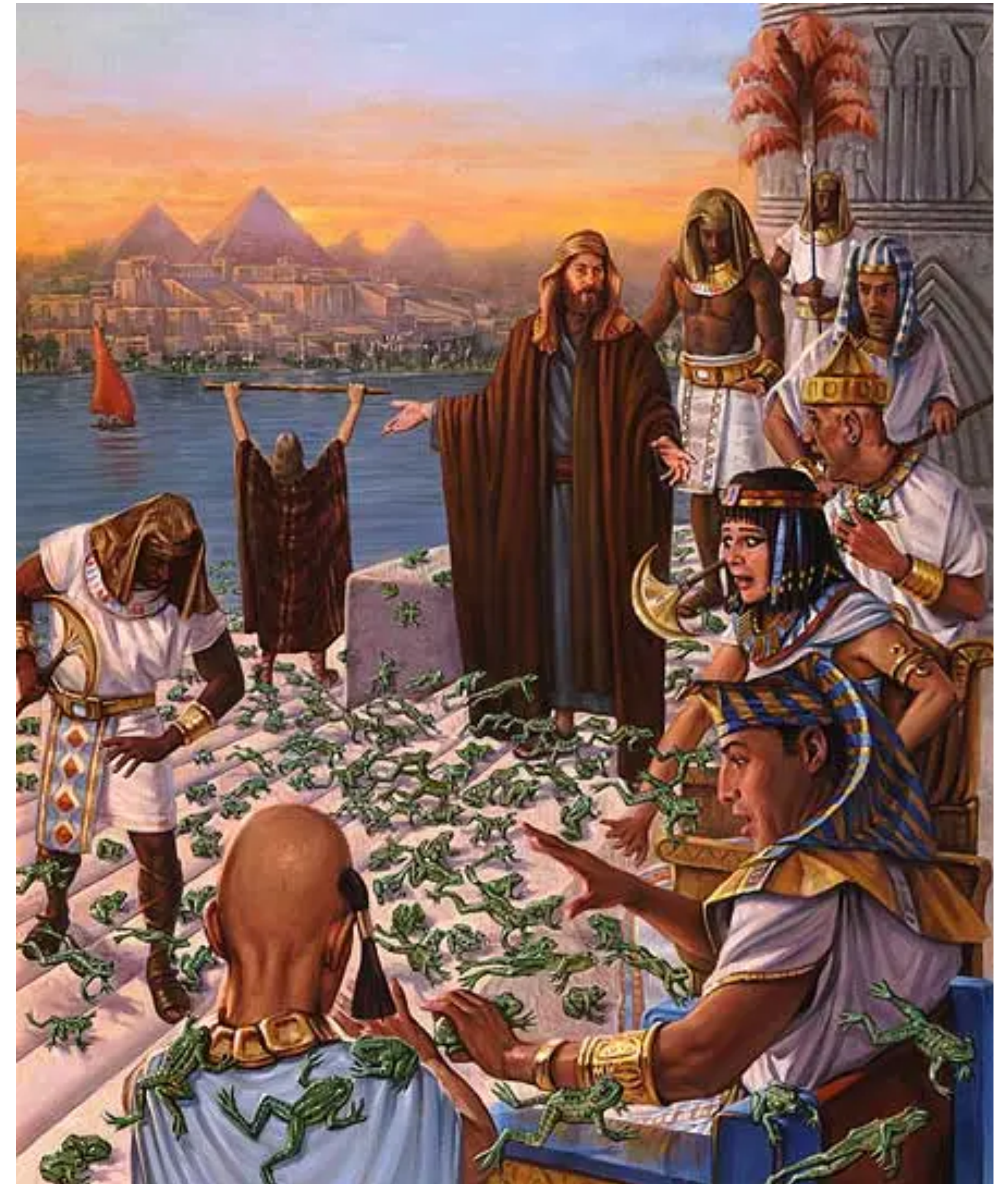
Satan Needs the People

- **Satan cannot afford to lose the support of the people who have the mark of the beast**
- **He must work to regain their support that is drying up**
- **He needs them for the battle of Armageddon**
- **He uses his last master deception to regain their support**



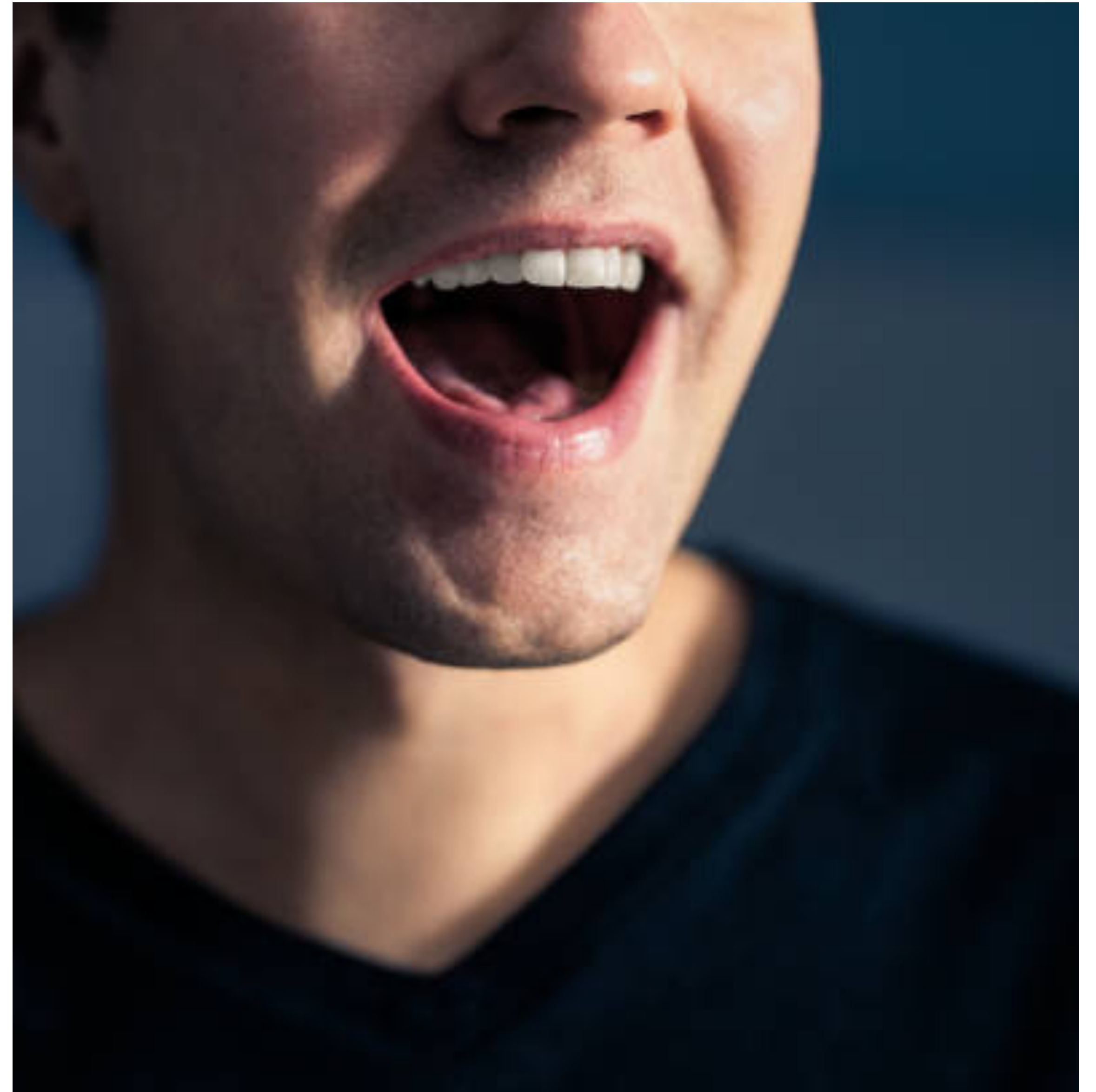
Why Frogs?

- **Frogs were the second of the 10 Egyptian plagues (Ex. 8:1-7)**
- **This is the last plague that the Egyptian magicians were able to “reproduce” (Ex. 8:7)**
- **The three unclean spirits like frogs represent the very last and greatest supernatural deception by Satan**



Out of the Mouth

- **Three Unclean Spirits Come Out of the Mouth**
- **Out of the Abundance of the Heart the Mouth Speaks (Matt.12:34)**
- **Little horn “had a mouth speaking great things” (Dan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25)**
- **Beast from the sea had “a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies” (Rev. 13:5).**



Three Unclean Spirits Like Frogs

- **These Three Powers are Satanic**
- **Out of Their Mouths Come Unclean Spirits Like Frogs**
- **Who are These Three Powers??**



The Three Antagonistic Powers

- 1. The Dragon**
- 2. The Beast**
- 3. The False Prophet**

The Dragon

- **Rev. 12:3; 12:9, 13; 12:17**
- **The Dragon is Satan!**
- **Satan worked through Pagan Rome (Rev. 12:4) and the papacy (Rev. 12:14)**
- **Satan, as the dragon, persecutes the end-time Remnant Church (Rev. 12:17)**



Satan

And His Three Powers

- **Satan Works Through:**
- **The Dragon (Rev. 12:17)**
- **The Beast (Rev. 13:2;
Dragon gave power, seat,
and authority to the beast)**
- **The False Prophet (same
as beast from the earth
that speaks as a dragon;
see Rev. 19:20; 13:13, 14)**



The Dragon Spiritualism

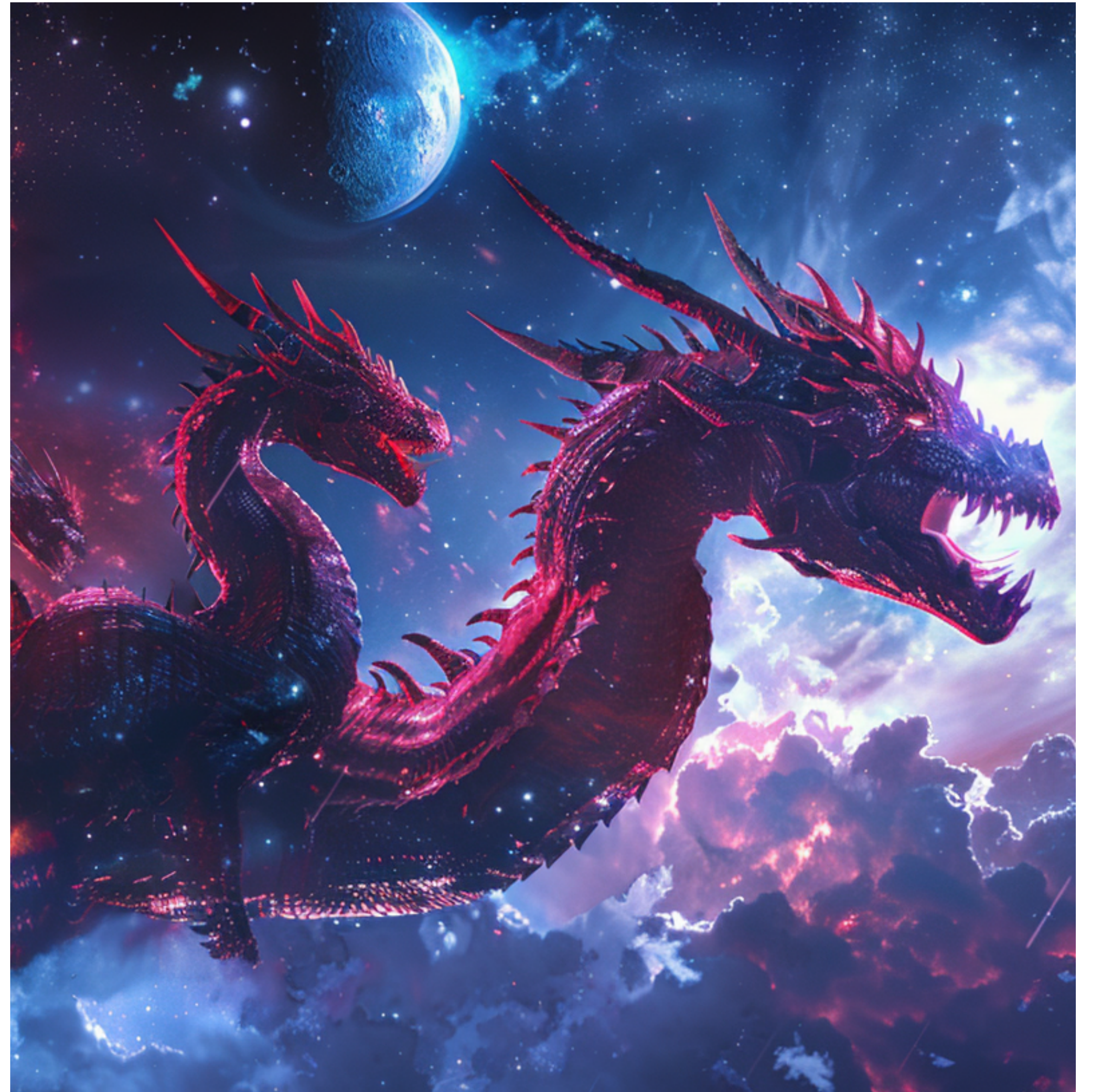
- In Rev. 12:9, the dragon is Satan
- The dragon is also the “old serpent” or “the Devil.”
- The old serpent goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden
- The serpent told Eve “ye shall not surely die” (Gen. 3:4).



The Dragon

Spiritualism

- **The teaching that the dead do not really die = spiritualism.**
- **However, spiritualism is more insidious and sinister.**
- **Spiritualism teaches that disobedience does not lead to death.**
- **Satan taught in heaven that angels did not need a law (1SP 22)**



The Dragon Spiritualism

- Which commandment did Eve break when she ate the fruit?
- Exodus 20:17; Romans 7:7
- Covetousness
- But the old serpent said, “Ye shall not surely die.”
- He claims that breaking the law is not sin and does not lead to death



Spiritualism asserts that men are unfallen demigods; that “each mind will judge itself;” that “true knowledge places men above all law;” that “all sins committed are innocent;” for “whatever is, is right,” and “God doth not condemn.” The basest of human beings it represents as in heaven, and highly exalted there. Thus it declares to all men, “It matters not what you do; live as you please, heaven is your home.” Multitudes are thus led to believe that desire is the highest law, that license is liberty, and that man is accountable only to himself. — Education 227, 228

The Beast

The Papacy

- **Rev. 13:1-10; Rev. 19:19, 20**
- **The ruling power that persecuted the saints for 1260 years (Dan. 7:25; 11:33-35; 12:7; Rev. 12:6, 14; 13:5) from 538 - 1798.**
- **Receives Deadly Wound in 1798**
- **Experiences Resurrection from Deadly Wound**
- **Makes War with the Lamb (Rev. 17:14; 19:19)**



A prayerful study of the Bible would show Protestants the real character of the papacy, and would cause them to abhor and to shun it; but men are so wise in their own conceit that they feel no need of humbly seeking God that they may be led into the truth. Although priding themselves on their enlightenment, they are ignorant both of the Scriptures and of the power of God. They must have some means of quieting their consciences, and they seek that which is least spiritual and humiliating. — Bible Echo, Feb. 1, 1887, par. 13

What they desire is a method of forgetting God which shall pass as a method of remembering him. The papacy is well adapted to meet the wants of all these. It is prepared for two classes of mankind, embracing nearly the whole world,—those who would be saved by their merits, and those who would be saved in their sins.

Here is the secret of its power.

— Bible Echo, Feb. 1, 1887, par. 13

The False Prophet

Apostate Protestant America

- Revelation 13:11-17; 16:13; 19:20
- The prophetic kingdom that arises from the “earth” after the deadly wound of 1798
- Two horns like a lamb; speaks as a dragon
- Does miracles in the sight of men and the beast (Rev. 13:14, 15; Rev. 19:20)



But the doctrine is now largely taught that the gospel of Christ has made the law of God of none effect; that by “believing” we are released from the necessity of being doers of the word. But this is the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which Christ so unsparingly condemned.

— Bible Echo, February 8, 1897, par. 6

Those who are teaching this doctrine today have much to say in regard to faith and the righteousness of Christ; but they pervert the truth, and make it serve the cause of error. They declare that we have only to believe on Jesus Christ, and that faith is all-sufficient: that the righteousness of Christ is to be the sinner's credentials; that this imputed righteousness fulfills the law for us, and that we are under no obligation to obey the law of God. This class claim that Christ came to save sinners, and that He has saved them. "I am saved," they will repeat over and over again. But are they saved while transgressing the law of Jehovah?—No; for the garments of Christ's righteousness are not a cloak for iniquity. — Bible Echo, Feb. 8, 1897, par. 7

Today's Deception From the 3 Unclean Spirits

**1. The Dragon: Modern progressive ideology. "Do as Thou Wilt."
"Whatever is, is right."**

2. The Beast: Saved by works or saved in sin.

3. The False Prophet: The evangelical gospel that teaches imputed righteousness fulfills the law even while we are sinning.

All three ideologies are from the dragon. The unifying theme is that we are saved in sin.

This false ideology is how Atheists, Spiritualists, Catholics, Protestants and all false religions will unite to receive the mark of the beast.

How Can Seventh-day Adventists Be Deceived?

- Beware of false gospels that are circulating**
- In order to stand through the final crisis, we must have the righteousness of Christ**
- God's last-day Church, the Laodicean church is described as being naked.**
- Many in the church are spiritually naked and do not realize this.**
- What does the righteousness of Christ truly look like?**

This robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has in it not one thread of human devising. Christ in His humanity wrought out a perfect character, and this character He offers to impart to us. “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.” Isaiah 64:6. Everything that we of ourselves can do is defiled by sin. But the Son of God “was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.” Sin is defined to be “the transgression of the law.” 1 John 3:5, 4. But Christ was obedient to every requirement of the law. He said of Himself, “I delight to do Thy will, O My God; yea, Thy law is within My heart.” Psalm 40:8. When on earth, He said to His disciples, “I have kept My Father's commandments.” John 15:10.

— COL 311.4

By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey God's commandments. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah. — COL 311.4

I Come As a Thief!

Revelation 16:15

- **The nakedness of Laodicea is exposed after the close of probation**
- **The three unclean spirits like frogs are released during the sixth plague**
- **The shame of Laodicea's nakedness is exposed. See also Matthew 25:1-13**



What is the Final Deception?

- **Frogs: Last Deception**
- **Dragon, Beast, and False Prophet are controlled by Satan and are united for this final deception**
- **This is the last and best deception of Satan**
- **Satan Personates Christ!**



CLOSE OF PROBATION

- **Greatest objection to being after close of probation is that God's people are already sealed and the wicked already have the mark of the beast.**
- **Why would it be after the close of probation?**



Satan sees that he is about to lose his case. He cannot sweep in the whole world. He makes one more, last, desperate effort to overcome the faithful by deception. He does this in personating Christ. He clothes himself with the garments of royalty which have been accurately described in the vision of John. He has power to do this. He will appear to his deluded followers, the Christian world who received not the love of the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness (transgression of the law), as Christ coming the second time. (Ms16-1884.1)

THIS IS ANALAGOUS TO DRYING UP OF RIVER EUPHRATES IN REVELATION 16:12 (SIXTH PLAGUE)

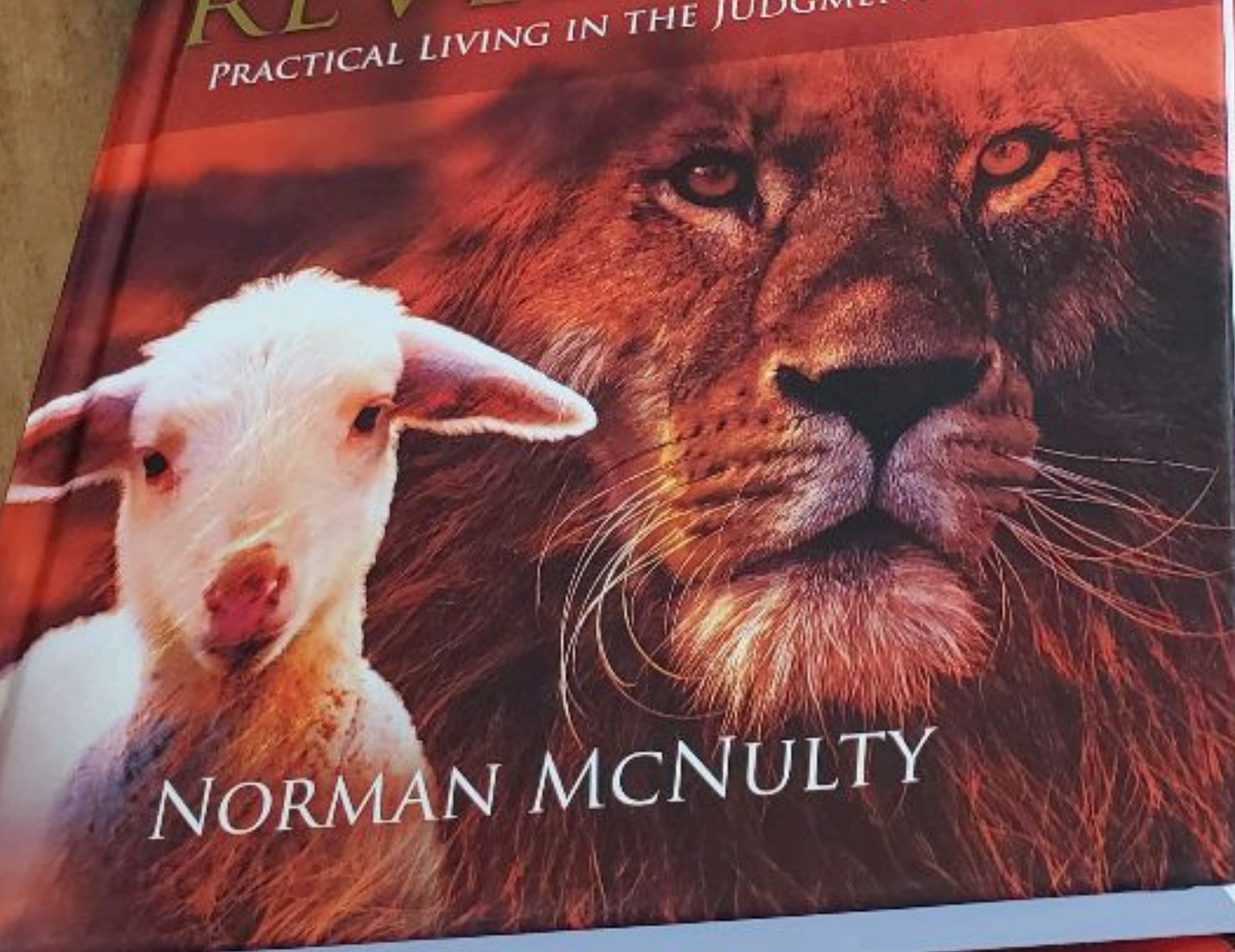
One effort more, and then Satan's last device is employed. He hears the unceasing cry for Christ to come, for Christ to deliver them. This last strategy is to personate Christ and make them think their prayers are answered. But this answers to the last closing work, the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place. (Ms16-1884.11)

THE PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE SAINTS COMES ESPECIALLY DURING JACOB'S TIME OF TROUBLE.

Then I saw that Jesus' work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud. – SpM 2.1

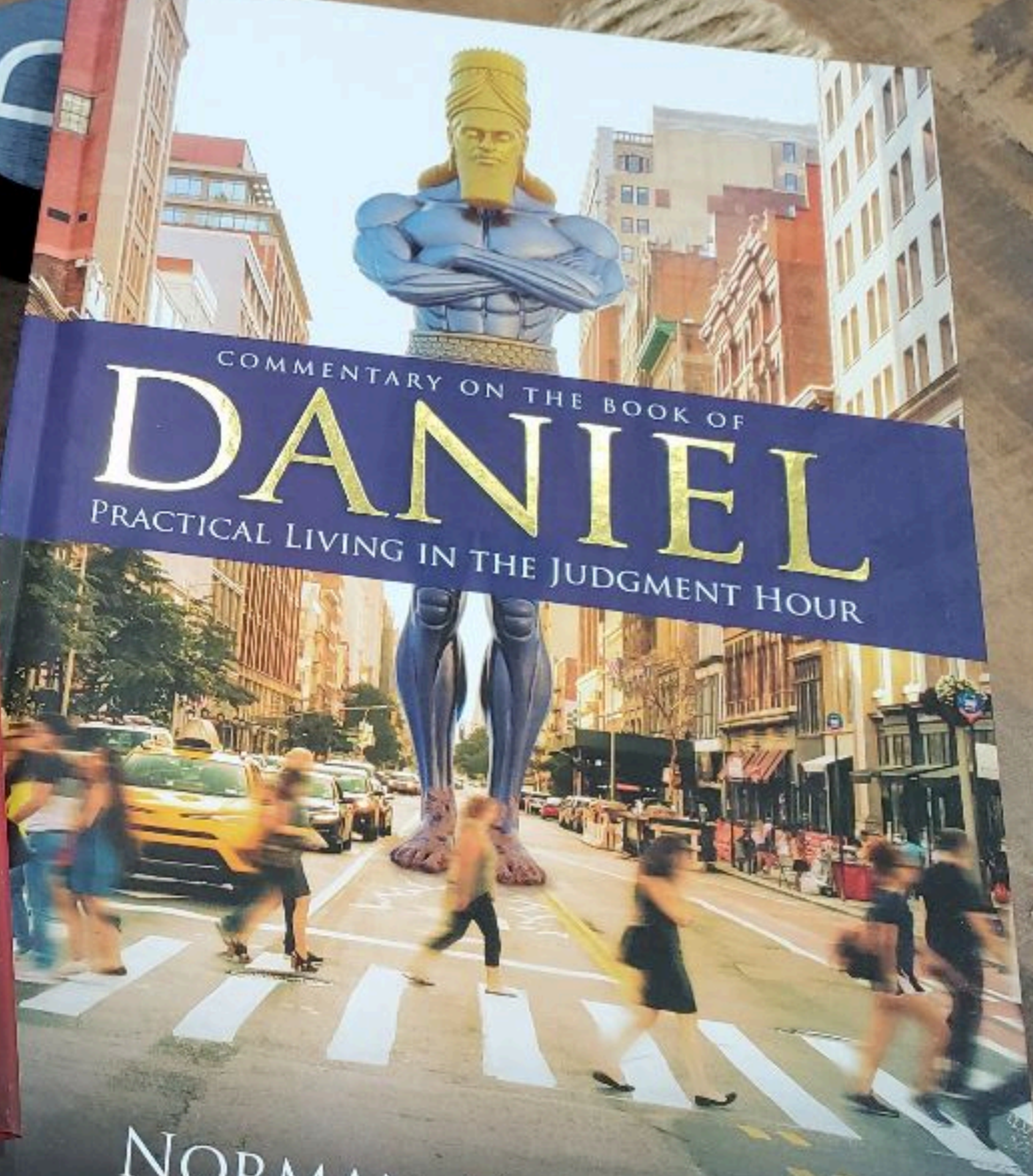
Then while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away. He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him. If he should effect his escape, Israel would lose their lives. I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head. –SpM 2.1

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