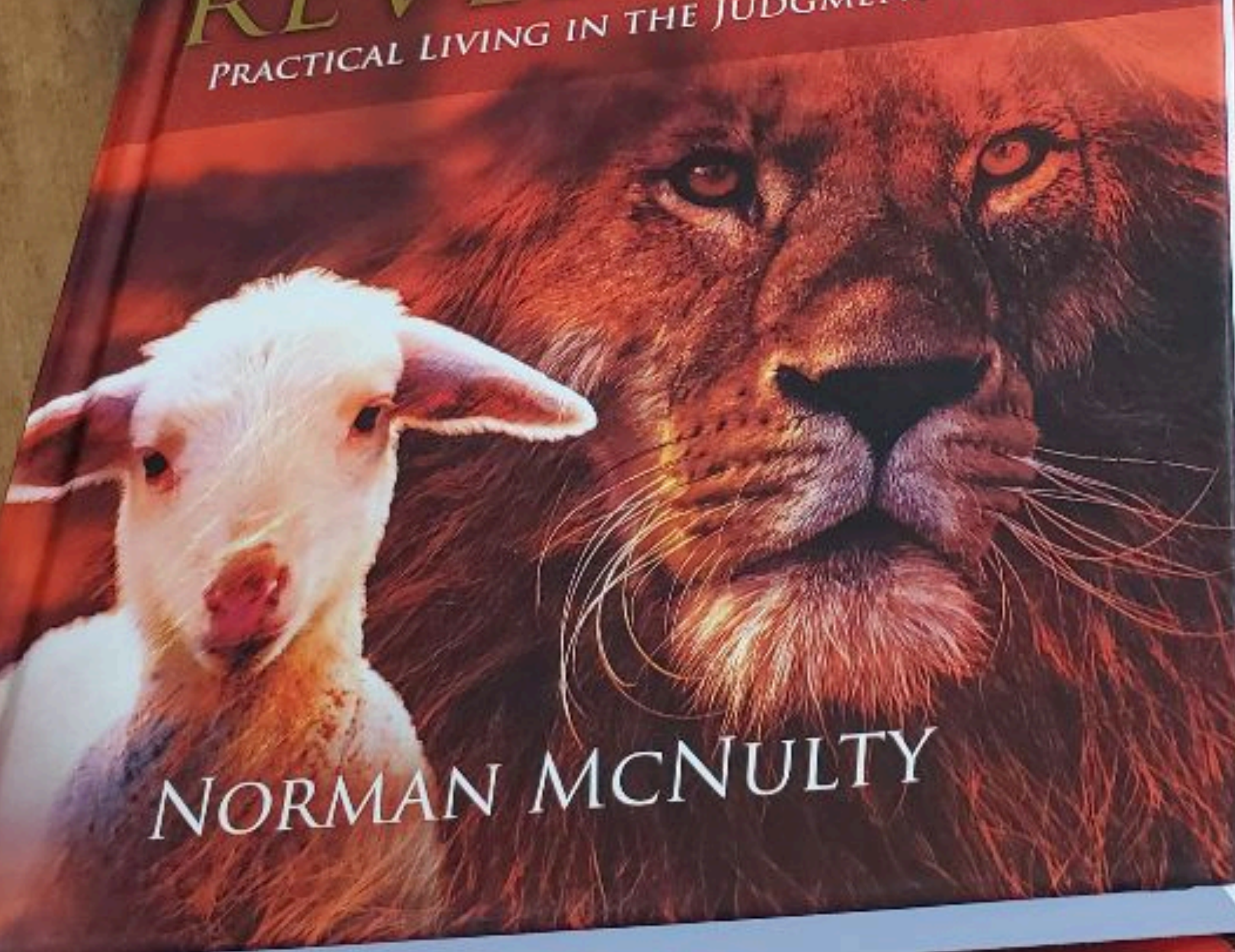


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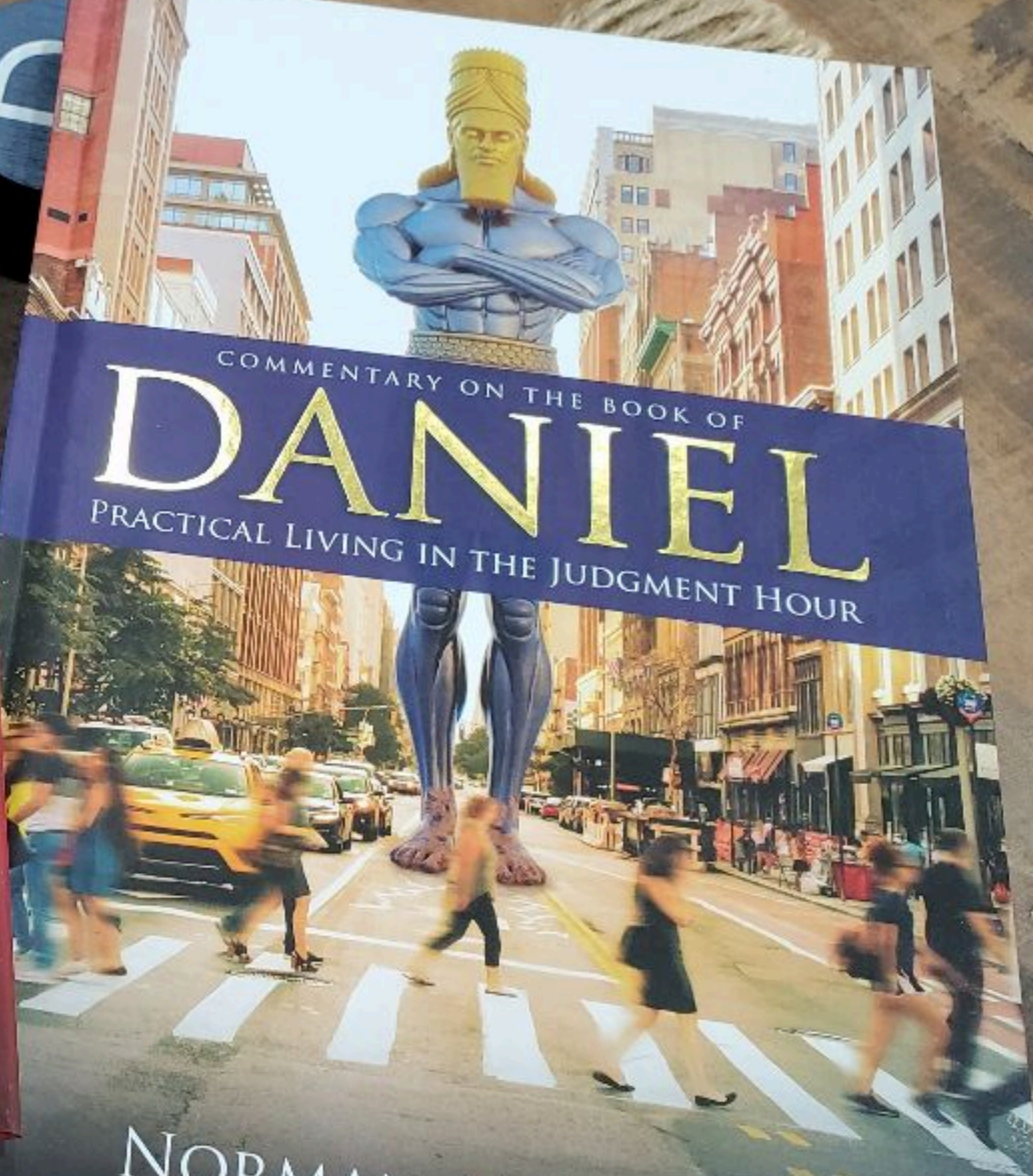
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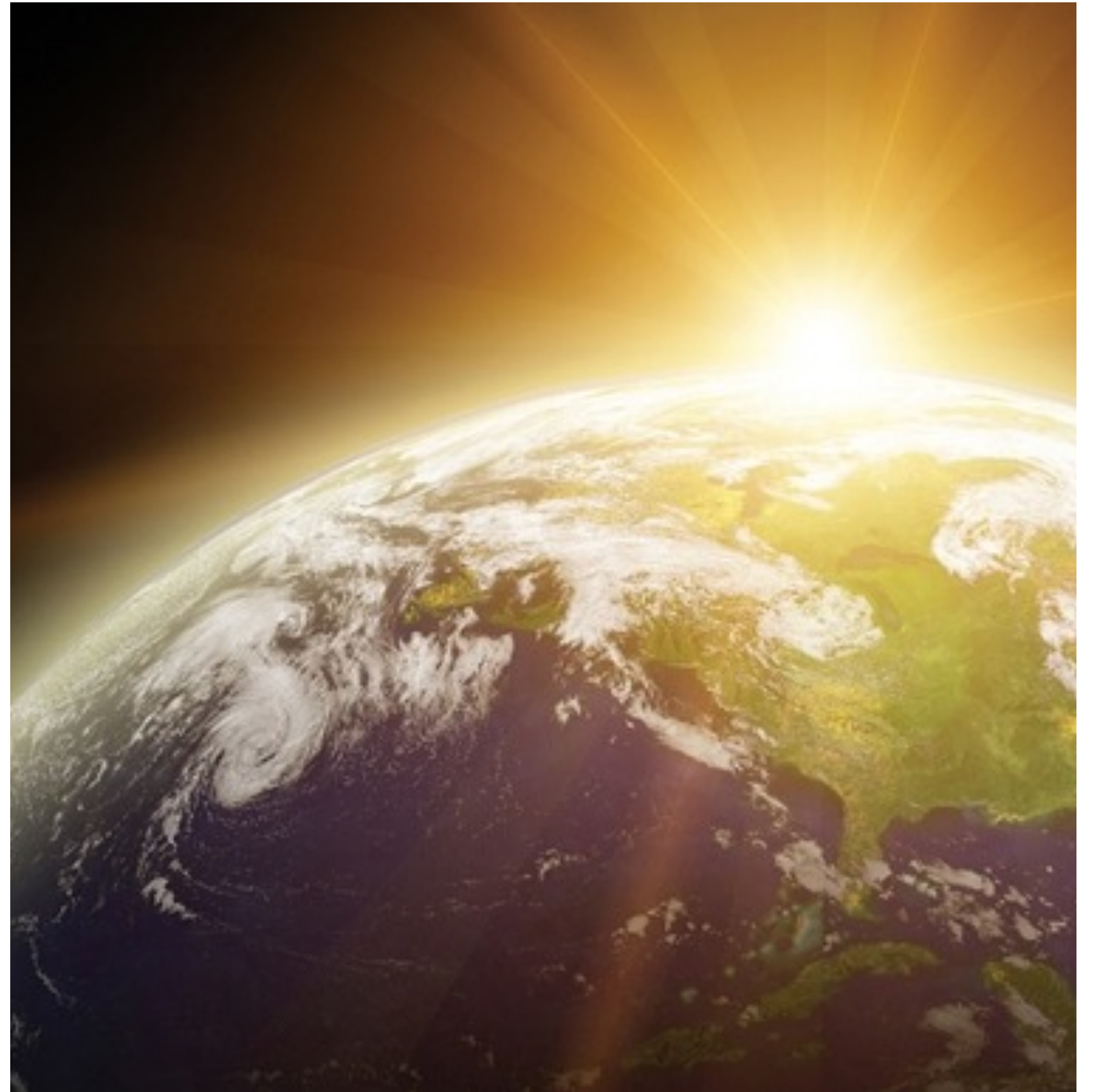


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Revelation 18:1

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



The Experience of Revelation 18

- **Revelation 18:1 describes the loud cry message empowered by the latter rain**
- **Acts 5:32: “And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”**
- **The Holy Spirit is poured out upon an obedient people**
- **Revelation 14:12: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”**

The Blotting Out of Sin

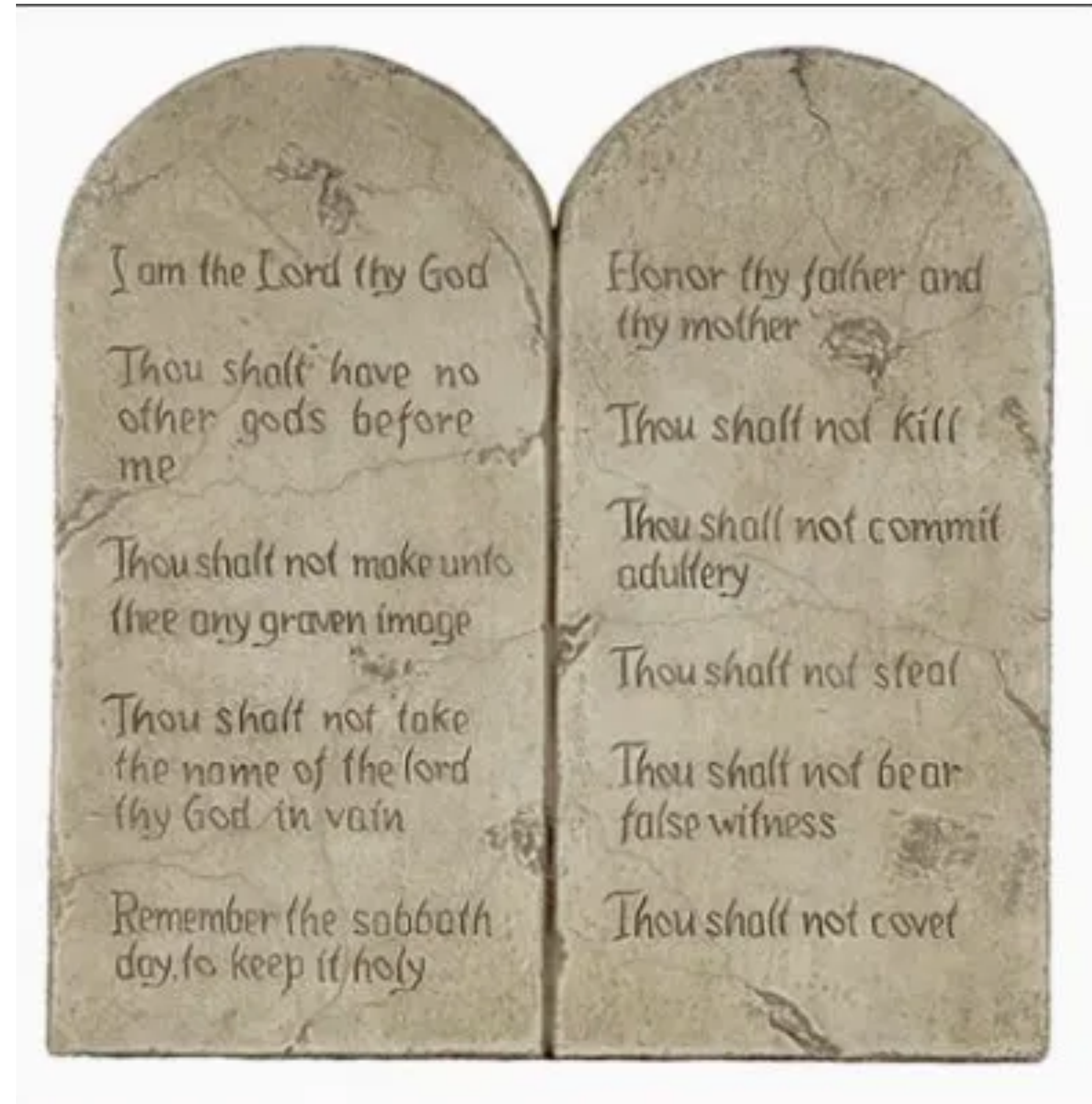
- **Acts 3:19: Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;**
- **Acts 3:20: And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:**
- **The times of refreshing = the latter rain; when the latter rain is poured out, the sins of God's people have been blotted out.**
- **The final atonement has been made for God's people**
- **After the blotting out of sin, and the outpouring of the latter rain, then Jesus returns at the Second Coming**

The New Covenant People

- **Christ, as mediator of the new covenant (Heb. 8:6) has finished His work in the most holy place**
- **Hebrews 8:10-12: “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.”**
- **When Christ writes His law in the hearts of His people, they are an obedient people, and their sins are blotted out at the end of the final atonement**

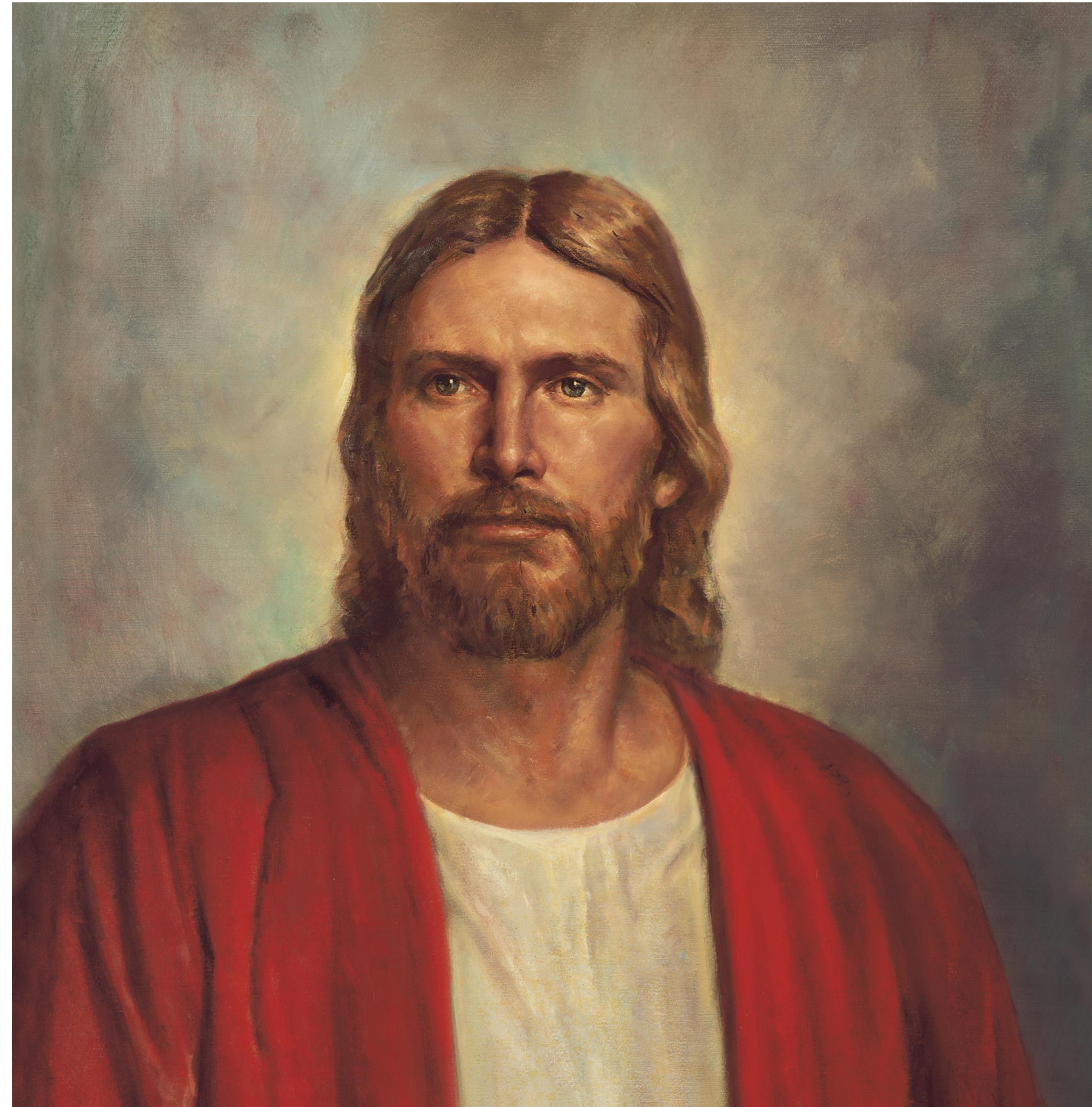
God's Law and His Character

- **Romans 7:12: “Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.”**
- **God's law is holy**
- **God's law is just**
- **God's law is good**



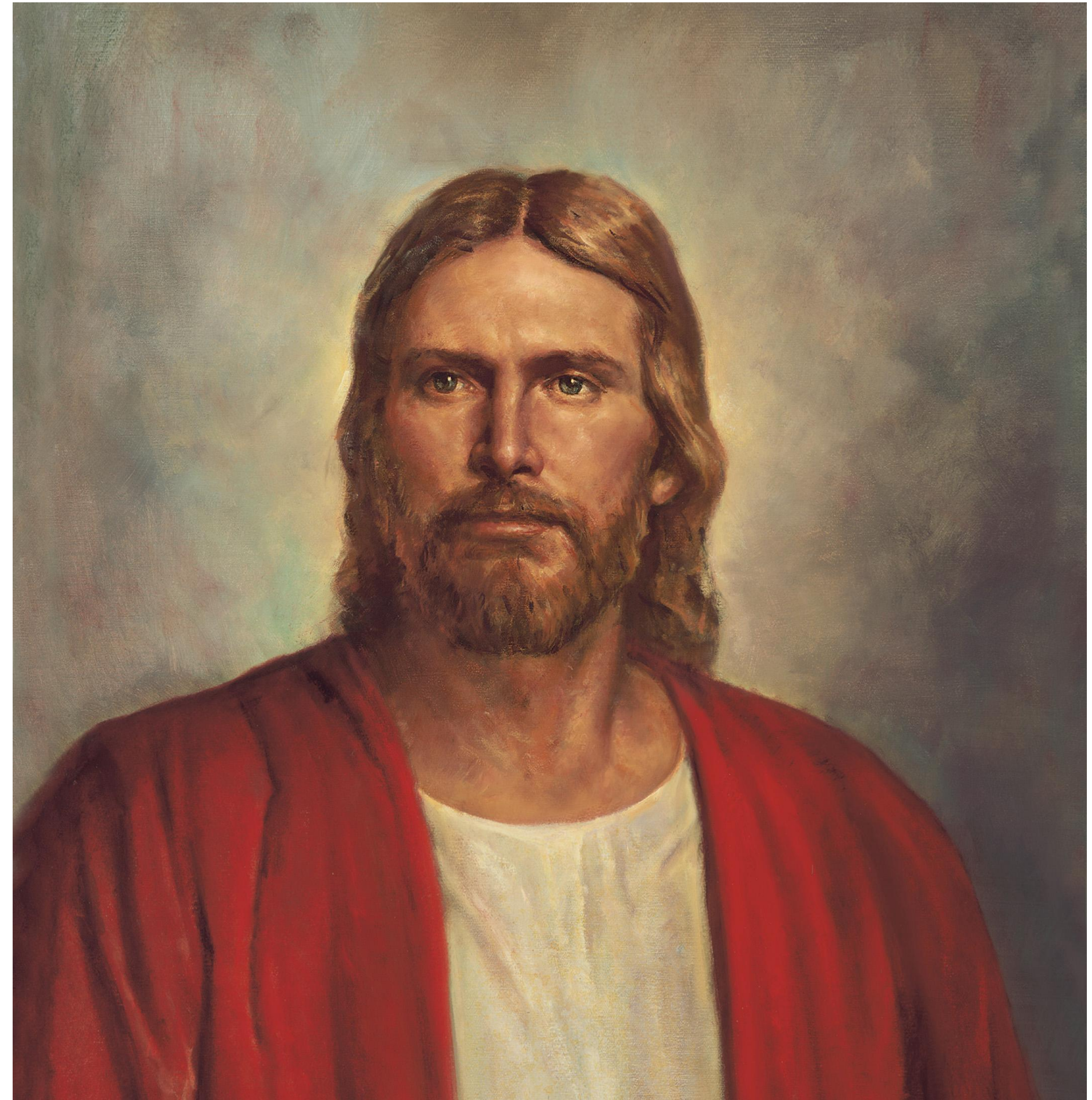
God's Law and His Character

- **1 Peter 1:16: "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."**
- **God is Holy**
- **Acts 3:14: "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;"**
- **God is Just**



God's Law and His Character

- **Psalm 25:8: “Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.”**
- **God is good**
- **The law is holy, just, and good (Rom. 7:12)**
- **And God is holy, just, and good**
- **Thus, the law is a transcript of His character**



God's Glory is His Character

- **Exodus 33:18, 19: “And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.”**
- **God's glory is His character**
- **God's law is a transcript of His character**
- **The law is a reflection of God's glory**
- **When the earth is illuminated with glory in Revelation 18, it is a demonstration of God's character through an obedient people who are holy, just, and good, through His character**

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

- **Revelation 18:1 is a revelation of Jesus Christ through His people at the end of the world**
- **The loud cry is not simply a proclamation of God's end-time message, it is a demonstration**
- **God's people are holy, just, and good. His law has been written in their hearts and minds.**
- **Their sins have been blotted out**
- **They can then proclaim that Babylon is fallen, is fallen and that her sins have reached unto heaven (Rev. 18:2, 5) because they have the character of Christ**

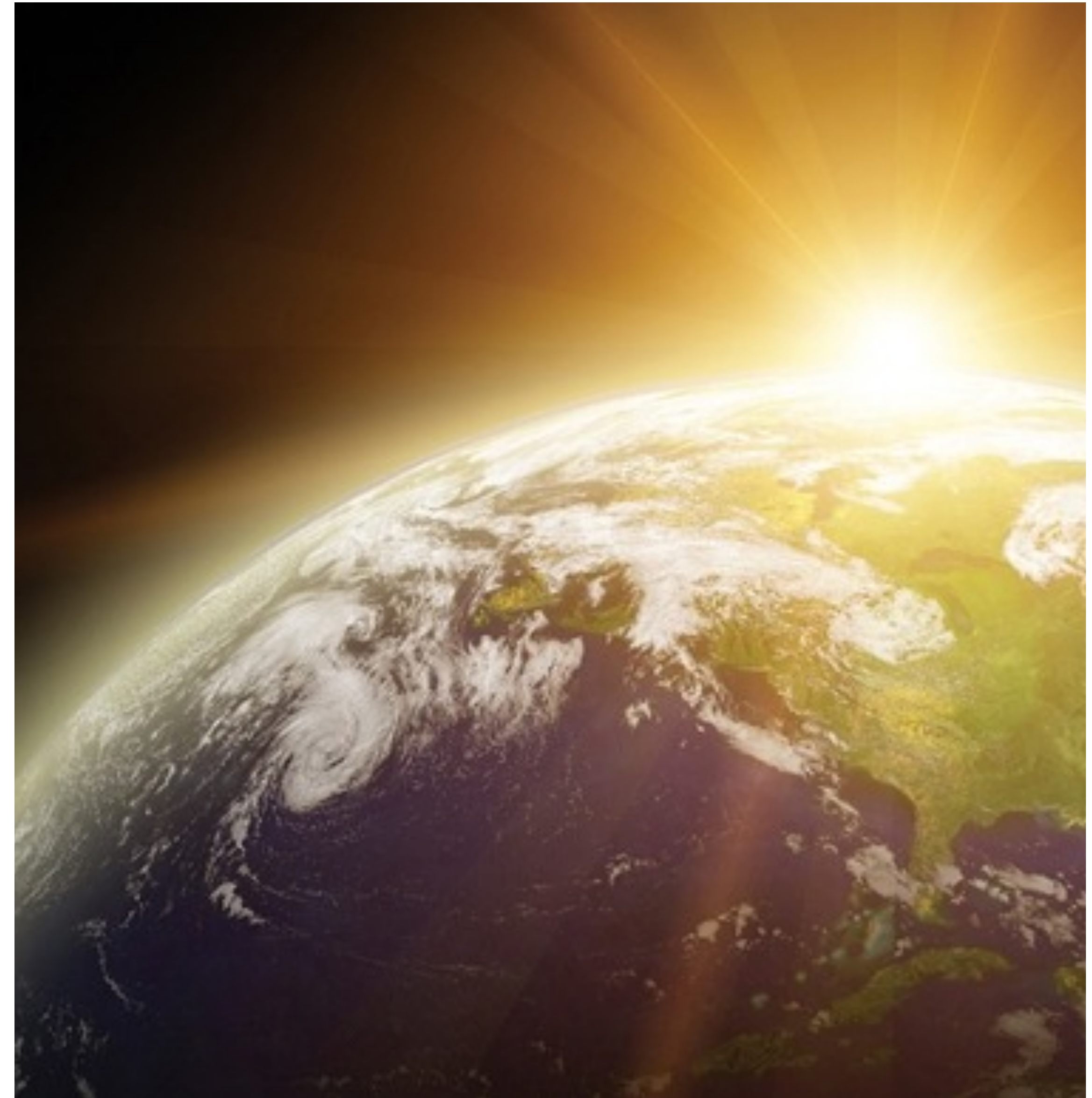
**When do her sins reach unto
heaven [Revelation 18:2-5]?
When the law of God is finally
made void by legislation.
— The Signs of the Times,
June 12, 1893. (LDE 198)**

Maturity of Righteousness and Sin

- When the Sunday law is passed, Babylon's sins have reached unto heaven. The iniquity of this world has reached its limit**
- At the same time, the latter rain is poured out on God's people who are obedient. The righteousness of God is fully manifested and the earth is illuminated with a demonstration of God's character through His people. The harvest of the righteous and the wicked is fully ripe**
- This is also the time when the character of the wise and the foolish virgins is revealed (Matthew 25:1-13)**
- When the Sunday law is passed, the midnight cry (loud cry) is given and the character is seen of those who have the oil and those who do not (oil = Holy Spirit - see Zech. 4:6; Gal. 5:22, 23)**

Development of Revelation 18

- **The outpouring of the latter rain, and the giving of the loud cry, is the culmination of Christ's work in the Advent Movement to produce a people like Himself**
- **Through the seven churches, seven seals, seven trumpets and the three angels' messages, God has been seeking to produce a people who are a revelation of Him**



The Seven Churches

- The message to the seven churches culminates with the message to Laodicea
- Laodicea means “a judged people”
- This is the church of the judgment hour
- It is a lukewarm church
- Christ says it is “wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked”



What is the Remedy?

- **Laodicea must buy what Christ is selling (Rev. 3:18)**
- **Gold (faith - 1 Pet. 1:7; love)**
- **White raiment (Christ's righteousness - Zech. 3:3, 4)**
- **Eyesalve (discernment/Holy Spirit)**
- **Be zealous and repent (Rev. 3:19)**



Christ Stands at the Door

- **Christ stands at the door of Laodicea**
- **He is on the outside because we have not let Him come in**
- **In order for Jesus to come in, we must buy what He is selling**
- **He is selling righteousness by faith and discernment from the Holy Spirit (gold, white raiment, eye salve)**
- **What He is selling is a free gift, but it requires an entire surrender of the heart**



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Righteousness by Faith

- **True righteousness by faith is the experience of the indwelling Christ**
- **Ephesians 3:17 - “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith”**
- **Galatians 2:20 - “I am crucified with Christ ... it is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me”**
- **Colossians 1:27 “Mystery of God ... Christ in you, the hope of glory”**



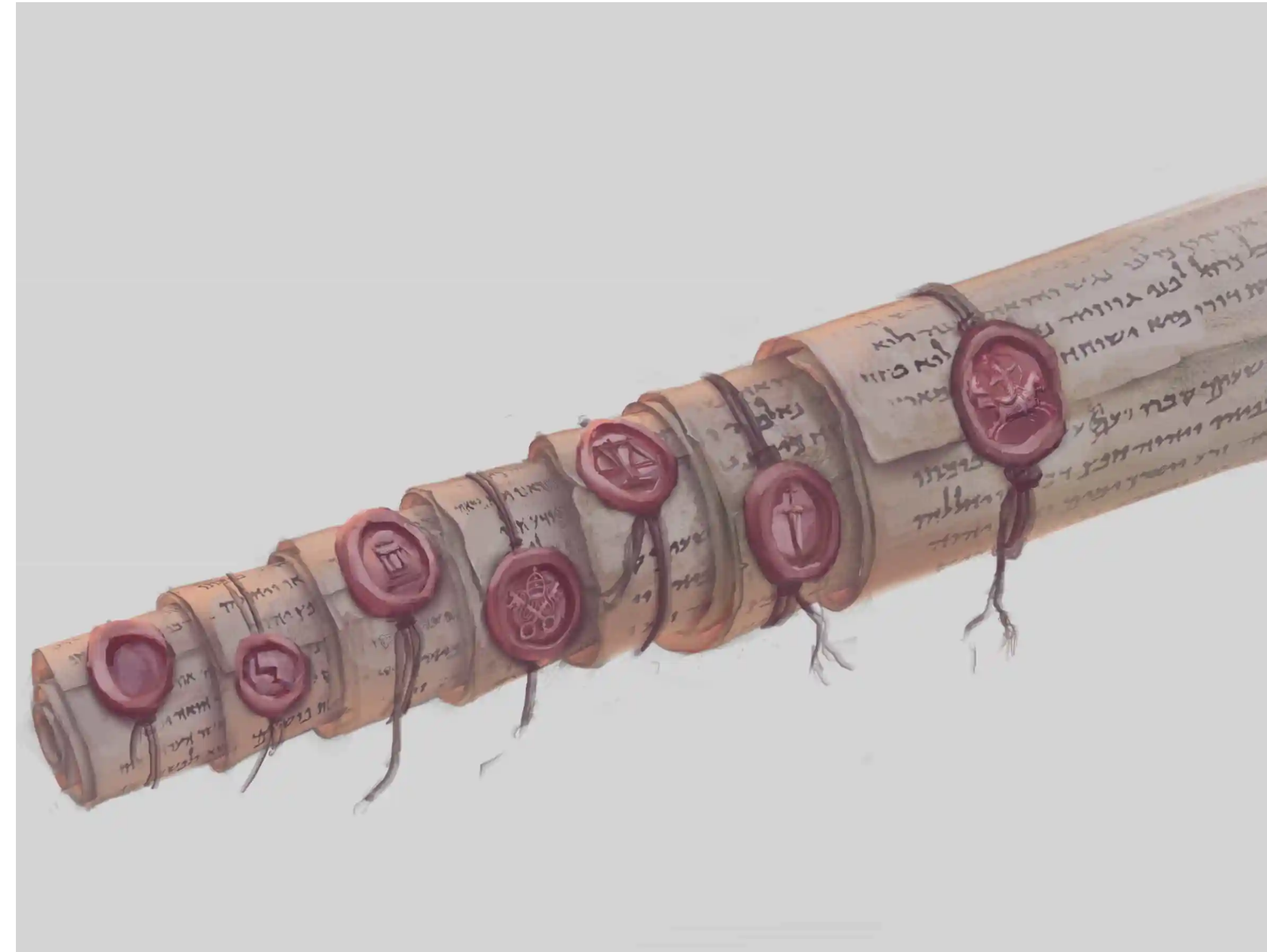
Righteousness and Overcoming

- **Revelation 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.”**
- **When we open the door to Christ through full surrender, we overcome as He overcame**
- **1 John 5:4: “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”**
- **Overcoming is by faith. Jesus overcame by faith (DA 756), and we overcome as He did, through the same faith that He had, by the power of the indwelling Christ**
- **This is the faith of Jesus**

**Those who come up to every point,
and stand every test, and
overcome, be the price what it
may, have heeded the counsel of
the True Witness, and they will
receive the latter rain, and thus be
fitted for translation. – 1T 187**

The Seven Seals

- The seals progress through the first four horses and a steady declension of the church
- There is a protest in the 5th seal (Protestant Reformation)
- The 6th seal begins with the great Lisbon earthquake of November 1, 1755 and progresses through the dark day of May 19, 1780 and the falling of the stars on November 13, 1833
- The next major event in the 6th seal is the second coming of Jesus



The Seven Seals

- **Revelation 7 shows that there is a delay in the coming of Jesus**
- **The four winds are being held until the servants of God are sealed**
- **The servants of God are the 144,000**
- **The seal is placed in the forehead**
- **This is synonymous with the Father's name in their foreheads in Rev. 14:1**

The Sabbath is the sign of God; it is the seal of his law. Isaiah 8:16. It is the token of his authority and power. It is a sign whereby *we may know* that he is God, and therefore it is appropriately said to be placed *in the forehead*. —4SP 505

No other institution which was committed to the Jews tended so fully to distinguish them from surrounding nations as did the Sabbath. God designed that its observance should designate them as His worshipers. It was to be a token of their separation from idolatry, and their connection with the true God. But in order to keep the Sabbath holy, men must themselves be holy. Through faith they must become partakers of the righteousness of Christ. —DA 283

Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. — Mar. 200

From Laodicean to Sealed With the Seal of God

- The Lukewarm end-time church lets Jesus come in. They buy His righteousness by faith through total surrender. They become overcomers as He overcame**
- The lukewarm church is preventing God's last-day people from being sealed**
- However, a day will come when a critical mass known as the 144,000 will allow Jesus to come in and this will allow them to be sealed**

The Seven Trumpets

- **Revelation 8:7-13; first four trumpets are judgments on Western Roman Empire**
- **Three woes are to follow**
- **5th, 6th, and 7th trumpets**
- **5th and 6th trumpets are judgments on Eastern Roman Empire**
- **7th trumpet is a judgment on spiritual Rome (papacy)**



Seventh Trumpet and Mystery of God Finished

- **Revelation 10 describes the rise of the Second Advent Movement**
- **After the fall of the Ottoman Empire at the end of the 6th trumpet in Revelation 9, on August 11, 1840, impetus was given to the movement**
- **Jesus Himself raises up this movement**
- **Revelation 10:7: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**
- **Colossians 1:27: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

The latter rain is to fall upon the people of God. A mighty angel is to come down from heaven, and the whole earth is to be lighted with his glory. Are we ready to take part in the glorious work of the third angel? Are our vessels ready to receive the heavenly dew? Have we defilement and sin in the heart? — *Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891

**If so, let us cleanse the soul temple,
and prepare for the showers of the
latter rain. The refreshing from the
presence of the Lord will never come to
hearts filled with impurity. May God
help us to die to self, that **Christ, the
hope of glory, may be formed within!****

—*Review and Herald*, April 21, 1891

Summary of Revelation 1-11

- **Seven churches:** God's people at the end of time are lukewarm. They are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. They need to repent and let Christ come in. When they do, they will overcome as Christ did
- **Seven seals:** God's last-day church will be sealed, but there is a delay until the 144,000 are sealed. When God's people buy what Christ is selling (righteousness by faith, which is a gift that comes through total surrender), and they settle into the truth intellectually and spiritually, then they receive the seal of God
- **Seven trumpets:** The Second Advent Movement (SDA Church) is God's last-day people and while the seventh trumpet is sounding, the mystery of God is finished, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27), which prepares God's people to receive the latter rain

Revelation 12 - The Great Controversy

- **After the first 11 chapters, in which God shows how He will produce a people who are a revelation of Christ, we see Satan's counterattack**
- **There was war in heaven. The war comes to this earth.**
- **The final struggle is Satan's target against the remnant church**
- **Remnant church; Rev. 12:17 — keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus which is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10)**
- **Satan targets the people who keep the commandments of God because these are the people who will receive the latter rain (Acts 5:32)**

Revelation 13

- **The papacy receives his authority from the dragon, and he persecutes God's people who keep the commandments during the dark ages**
- **Apostate Protestant America speaks as a dragon through the Sunday law and unites with the papacy to persecute those who keep the commandments of God at the end of the world**
- **The dragon, the beast, and the false prophet unite through Sunday sacredness and the immortality of the soul to deceive the world and to attack the remnant people of God**
- **This is Satan's master strategy to keep God from having a people who will receive the latter rain**

Revelation 14

- **Revelation 14 portrays the picture of victory that the Lamb gains over the dragon through His last-day people, the 144,000**
- **The 144,000 seen in Revelation 14:1-5 are produced through the power of God by the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12, which includes the everlasting gospel (1), the call to come out of Babylon (2), and to avoid the mark of the beast (3)**
- **When the three angels' messages produce the 144,000, then we see the harvest of the righteous and the wicked in Revelation 14:14-20**

Revelation 15 and 16

- **After the final message of mercy is given through the three angels' messages, probation closes for the world**
- **When probation closes, the wrath of God is poured out without mixture, as seen in the seven last plagues**
- **The wicked repent not to give God the glory (Rev. 16:9)**
- **The Laodiceans who did not receive the righteousness of Christ are exposed as being spiritually naked in the 6th plague (Rev. 16:15)**

Revelation 17

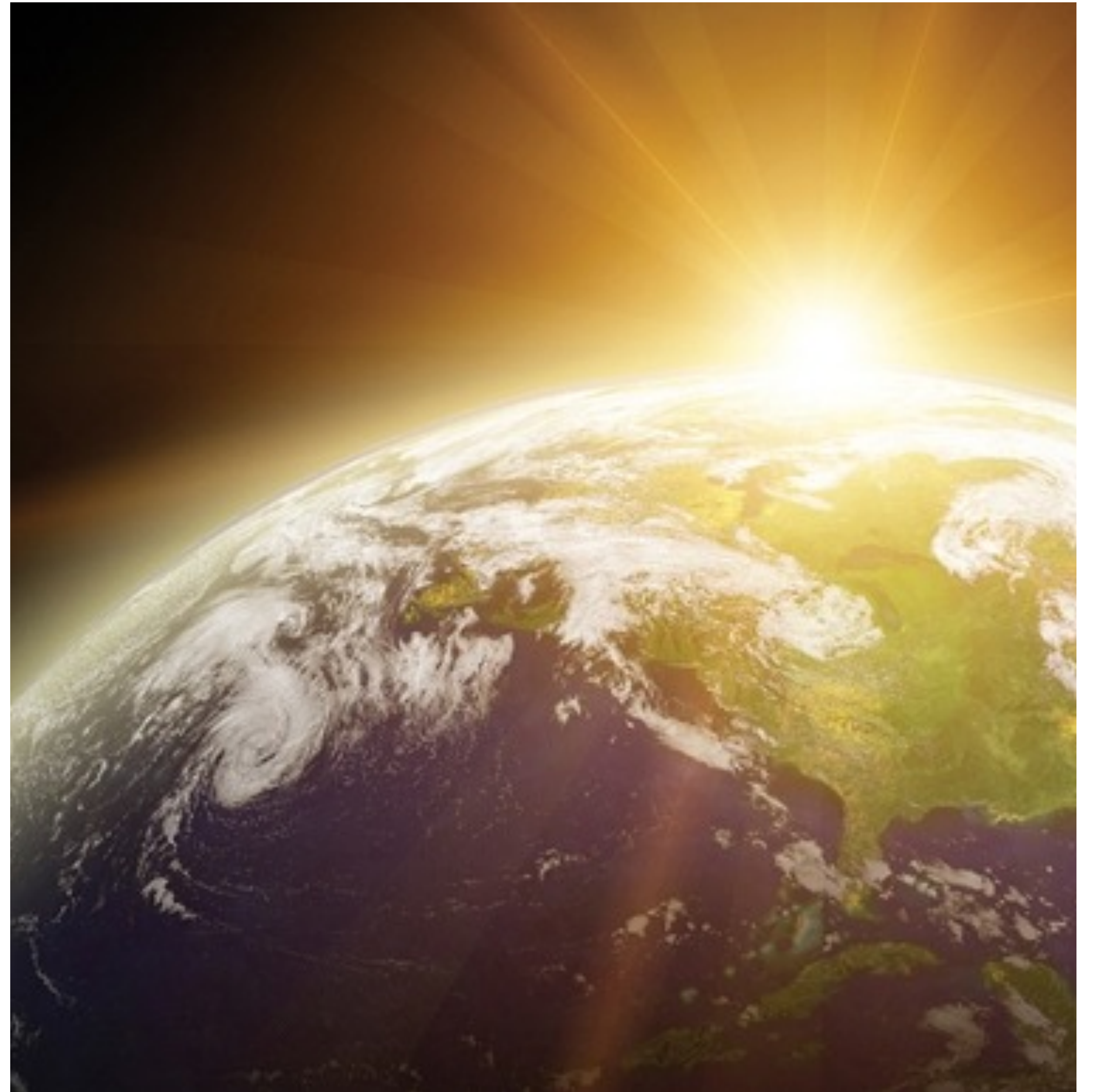
- **Some claim that the wrath of God in the seven last plagues is harsh**
- **But Revelation 17 shows that the kings of the earth unite with the papacy to make war with the Lamb**
- **They intend to destroy those who keep the commandments of God with a death decree because God's people do not honor the false day of worship**
- **Those who make war with the Lamb have rejected the message of mercy from heaven, and instead attack the Lamb through His obedient people**

Revelation 18

- **God is just to punish the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet with His wrath because they unjustly seek to destroy His righteous people**
- **And He has done everything He can to save the wicked**
- **The earth was illuminated with glory through a proclamation and demonstration of His character through an obedient people full of the fruit of the spirit**
- **Just as Christ was crucified by the Satanic Jewish leaders because they could not handle His righteous character, God's last-day remnant will face a death decree because the wicked cannot stand to be around holy people who are like Jesus**

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“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.”

Galatians 5:22, 23. This fruit can never perish, but will produce after its kind a harvest unto eternal life.

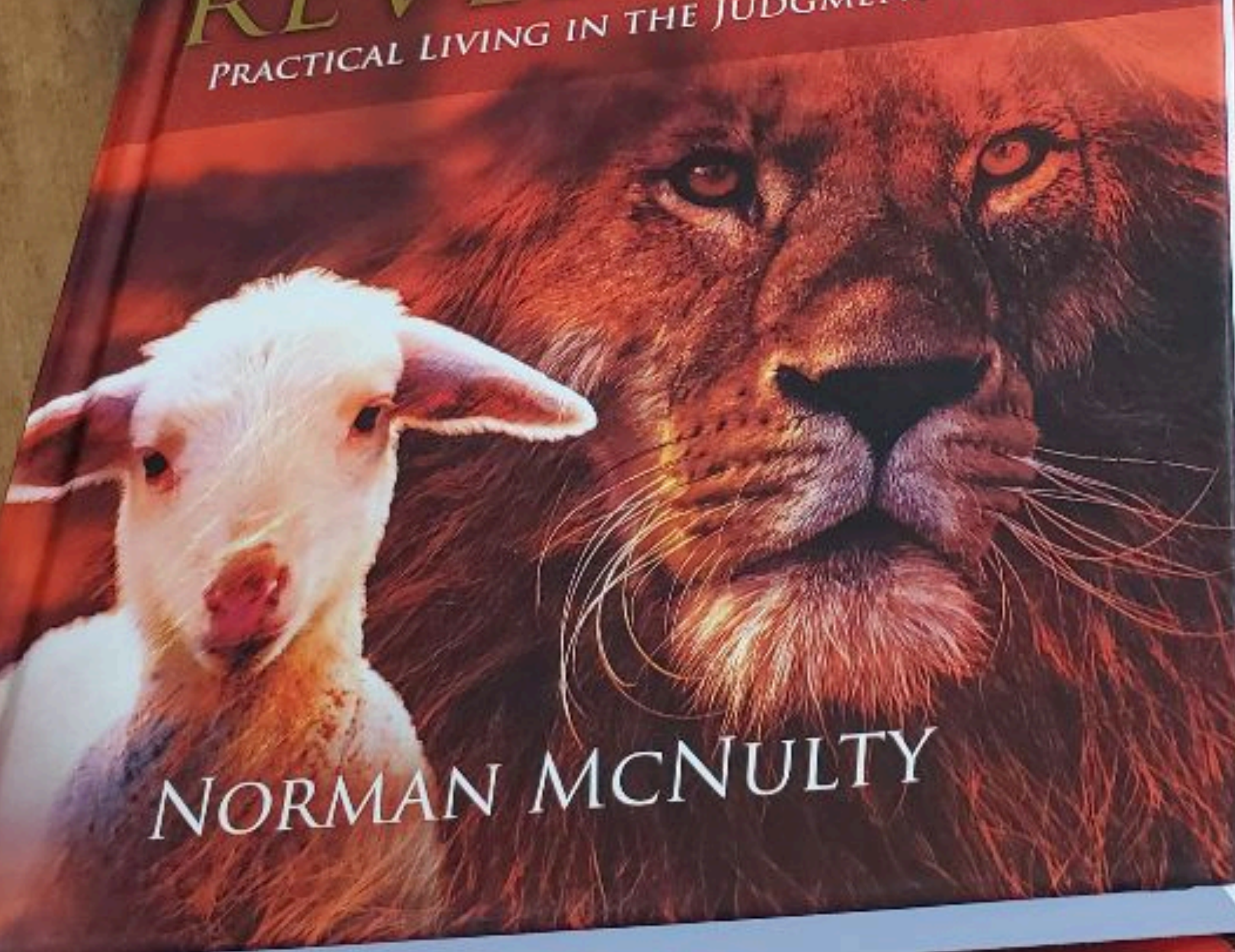
— COL 68

“When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.

— COL 69.1

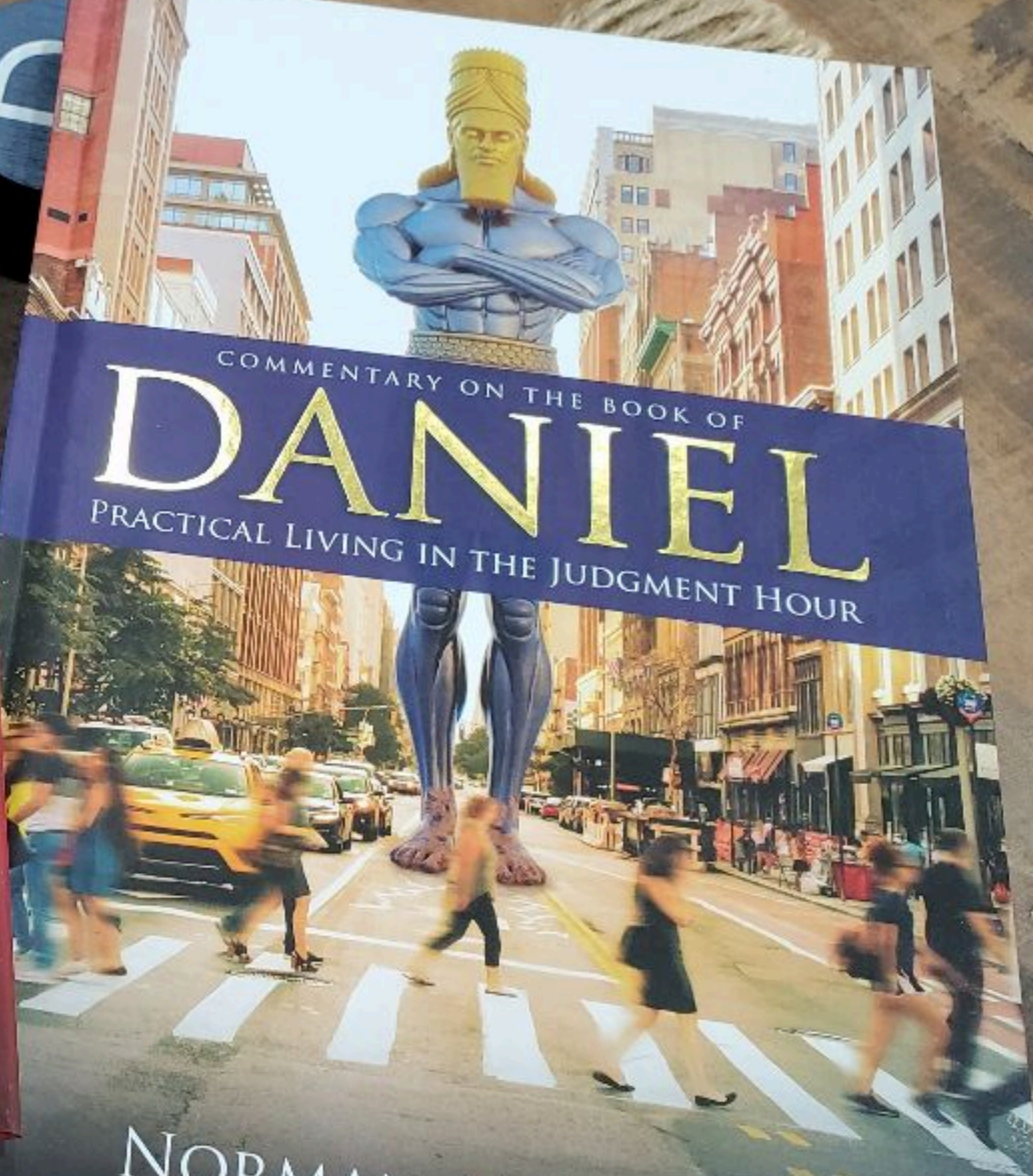
It is the privilege of every Christian not only to look for but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:12, margin). Were all who profess His name bearing fruit to His glory, how quickly the whole world would be sown with the seed of the gospel. Quickly the last great harvest would be ripened, and Christ would come to gather the precious grain. — COL 69.2

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