





AS WE SEE  
**THE DAY**  
APPROACHING

Please Silence Your Phone





courtesy Nintendo

**Q1. Who is he?**

**A. Bowser**





A large, dark blue dragon-like creature with multiple sharp, glowing red and orange spikes on its head and back. It has a fierce, angry expression with glowing yellow eyes and is breathing a large plume of bright red and orange fire from its mouth. The background is dark blue with some faint, glowing particles and streaks, suggesting a night sky or a dark, fiery environment.

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**A. (hint: look at Revelation 20)**



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**Revelation 20 CSB**

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**REVELATION**



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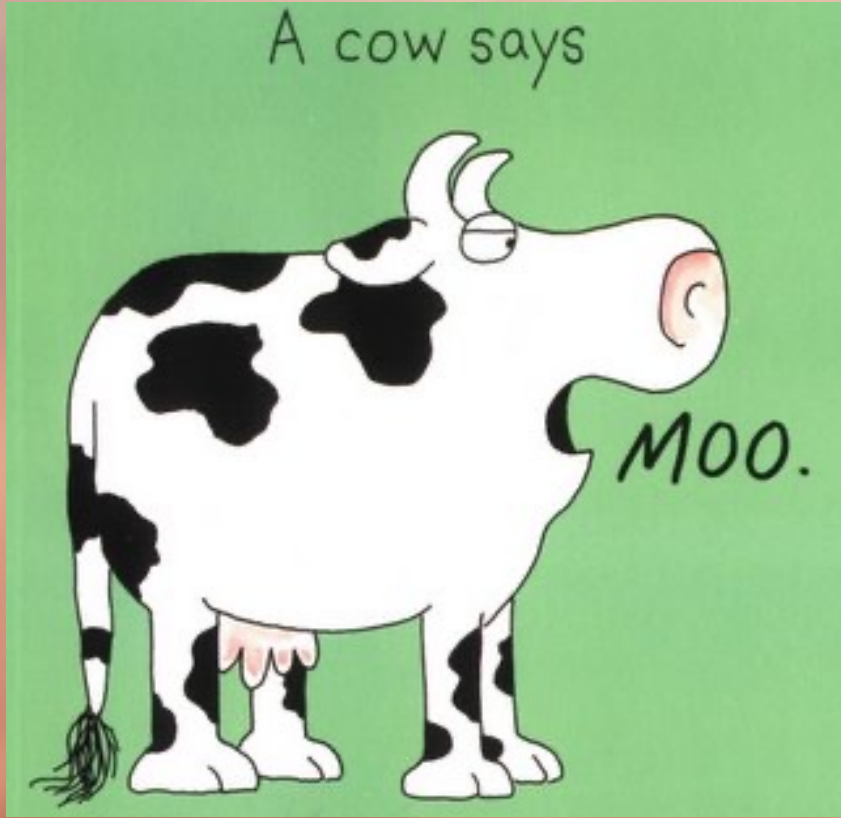
# Satan

**Zechariah 3:1** Then he showed me the high priest Joshua standing before the angel of the LORD, with Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

**Luke 10:18** He [Jesus] said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning.”

**2 Corinthians 4:4** The god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.







**<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden’?”**

**Genesis 3 CSB**



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**Satan sins against holy God, lies, twists scripture, and tempts humans.**

**<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil [diabolos – Greek rendering of  $\text{ἁ} \text{δ} \text{δ} \text{ν} \text{ῶ} \text{ν}$  *satan*]. [In verses 2-9, Jesus successfully resists Satan.]**

**<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written: *Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.*” [Deut. 6]**

**Matthew 4 CSB**



**Satan works his evil will by:**

- **tempting persons (Jn 13:2; Acts 5:3)**
- **hindering God's workers (1 Thes 2:18)**
- **accusing Christians before God (Rv 12:10)**
- **controlling evil persons who resist the gospel, (Rv 2:9, 13 esp. the anti-Christ, 2 Thes 2:9; Rv 13:2).**

**Though now bound and cast out of heaven through the ministry of Jesus (Lk 10:18; Rv 12), Satan is still a dangerous enemy (Lk 8:33; 1 Cor 7:5; 1 Pt 5:8) and able to cause physical illness when allowed by God (2 Cor 12:7). – *Barry Beitzel, Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible***





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## **The historical & theological context of Revelation 20**

- **Because of humanity's universal connection to the first act of human disobedience towards God, all people enter the world in a state of sinful rebellion against God (cf. Rom. 5:12).**
- **Part of the outworking of this state of rebellion is a palpable disdain for things closely associated with God's redemptive plans and purposes (cf. Eccl. 7:20; Isa. 53:6a-b).**
- **Because of His own sovereign, grace-driven, redemptive plans and purposes (in total contrast to any human merit), God chose to use the Jewish people as His human means to record and disseminate His written Word and physically incarnate His Living Word – the Lord Messiah (Rom. 3:2, 9:5; John 1:14, 18).**

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Yoshi-dear, that baby is going to cause disaster to befall the Koopas. So give him here before you accidentally get hurt!



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- In the aftermath of their failure to prevent Messiah from successfully entering the world to accomplish His redemptive mission, they continue their efforts to exterminate the Jewish people in order to prevent Messiah from reentering the world to establish His promised kingdom (2 Thess. 2:4).



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- Created beings, in both the human and angelic realms, possess neither the power nor capacity to prevent the Creator's plans and purposes from being fully realized (Rom. 8:35-39).**
- Current manifestations of sin and evil – regardless of their severity – in no way, shape, or form suggest that sin and evil will not inevitably be righteously judged and eternally confined (cf. Dan. 4:35).**
- Messiah will bring the demise of Satan and all demonic entities (cf. Gen. 3:15; Matt. 8:29; Rom. 16:20; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 20).**
- When sin and evil are judged and confined, there will be an eternal display of divine glory on a scale we presently cannot begin to fully fathom (Isa. 64:4; 65:17, 1 Cor. 2:9).**

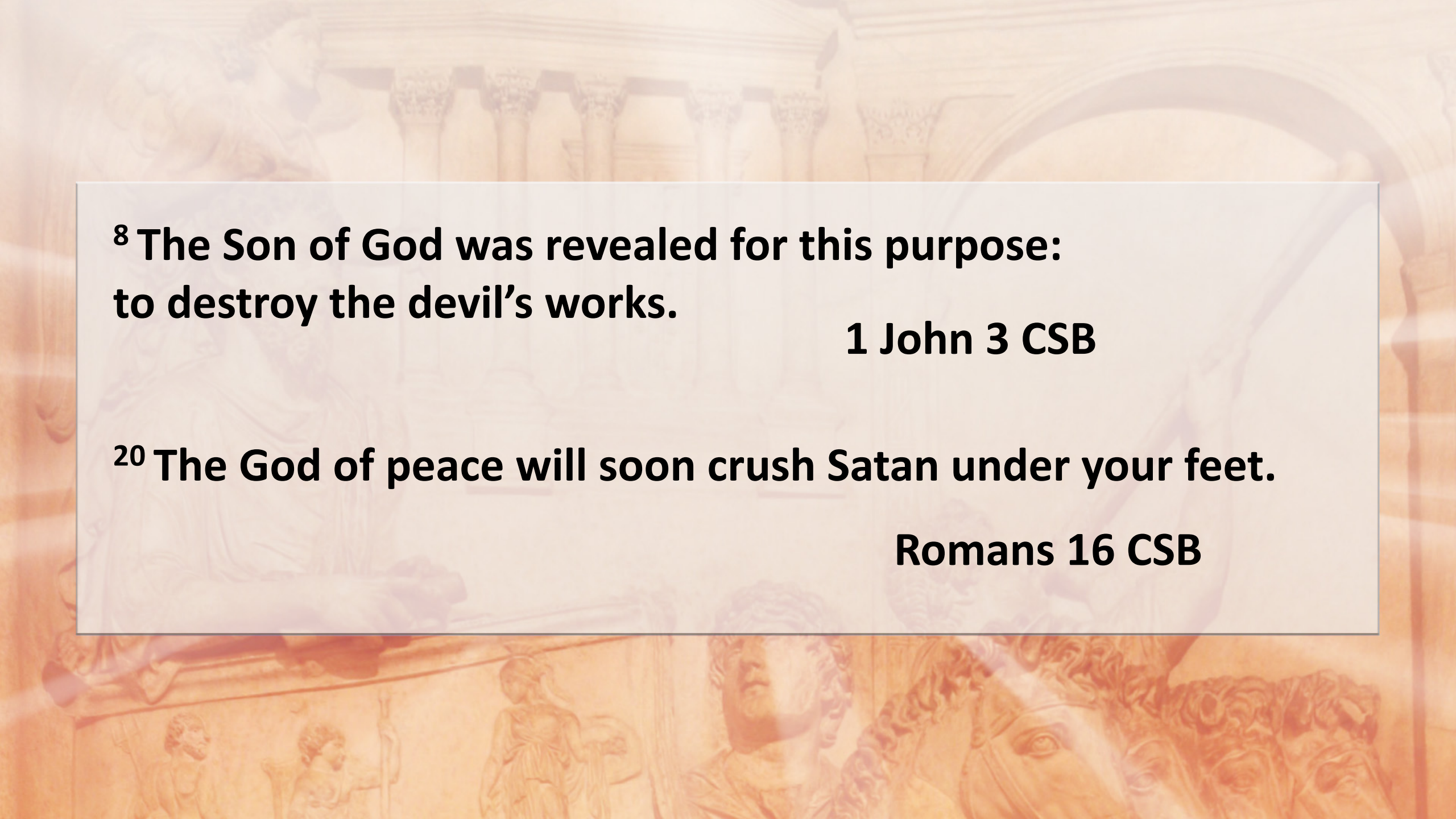
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How can he  
be stopped?



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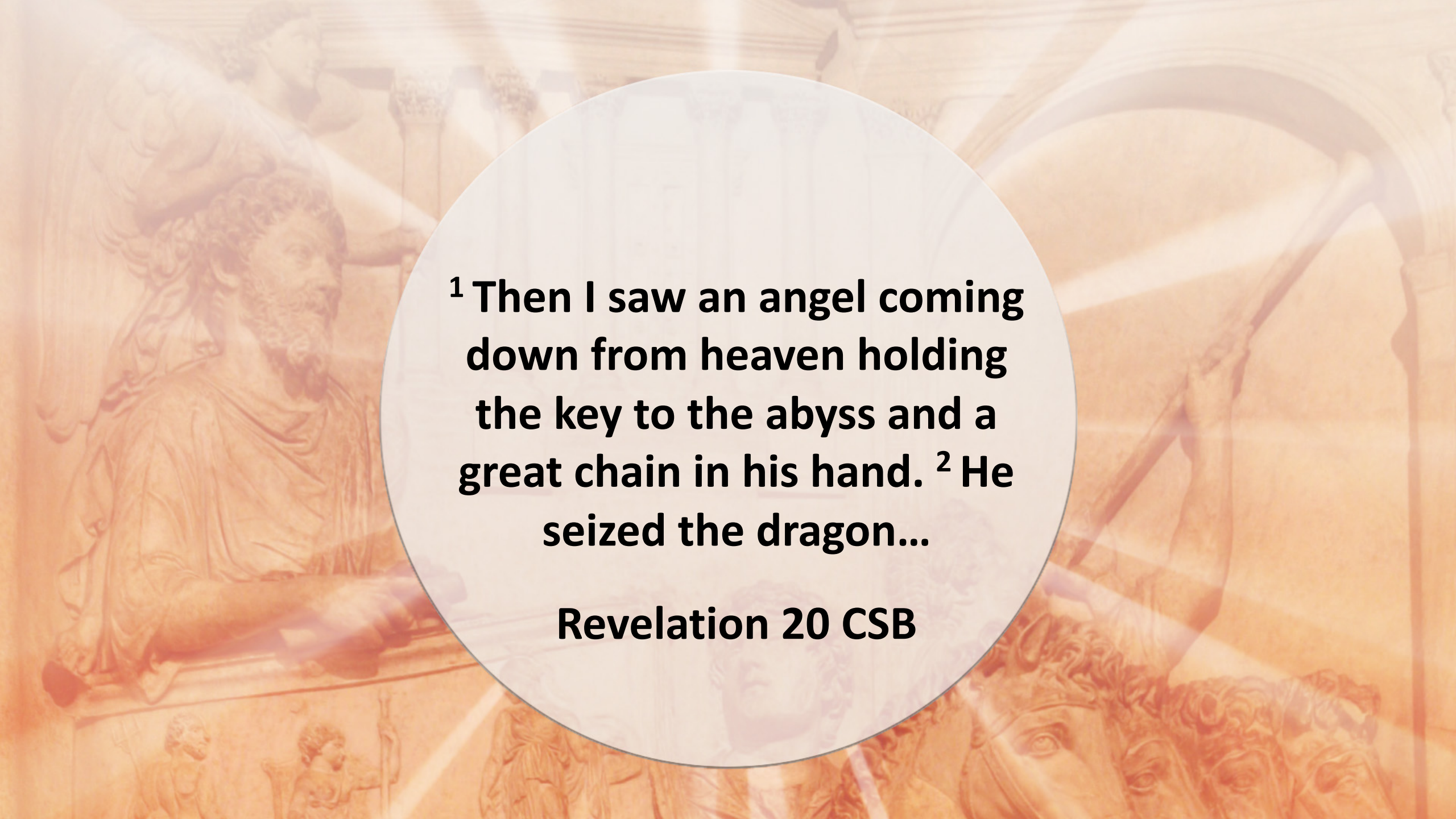
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**<sup>8</sup> The Son of God was revealed for this purpose:  
to destroy the devil's works.**

**1 John 3 CSB**

**<sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.**

**Romans 16 CSB**

The background features a classical architectural scene with a large circular overlay. On the left, a large stone relief depicts a bearded man, likely an angel, holding a scroll. On the right, a figure is shown holding a long staff or scepter. The scene is set within a grand building with arches and columns. The circular overlay is semi-transparent and contains the following text:

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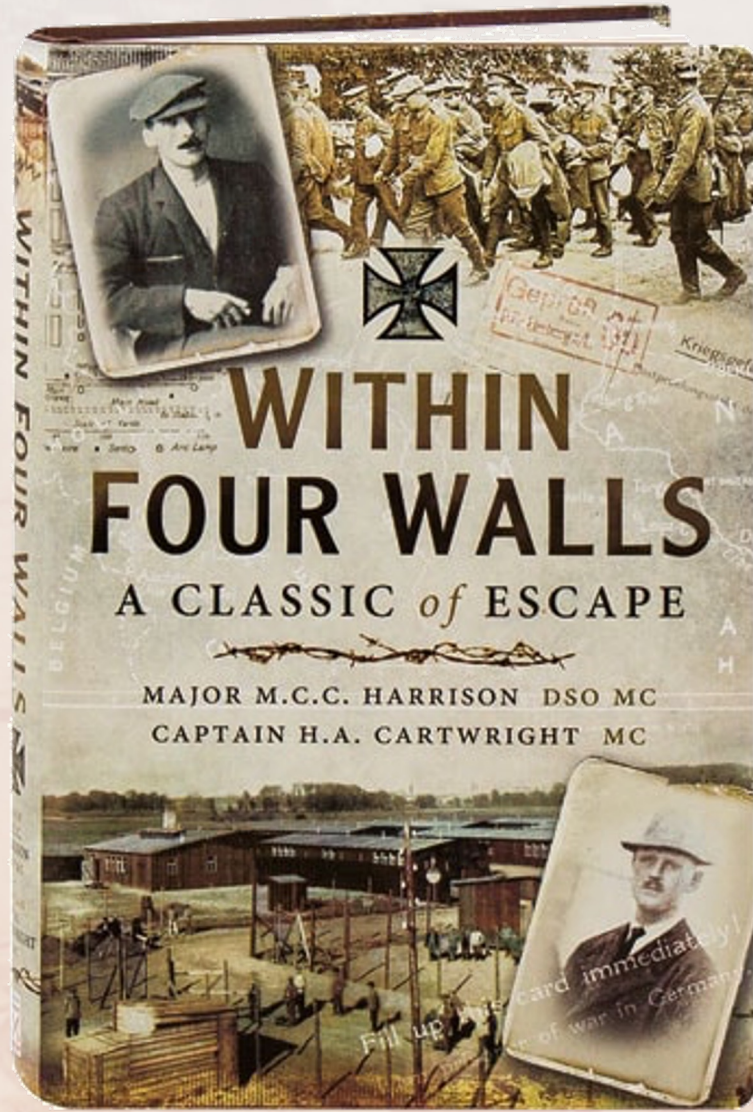
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***Passing the Post***  
**H.A. Cartwright**  
**1918**

**Before [my departure from England], I had the honour of being summoned to Windsor, where I was received in private by the King – and felt that all my efforts had not been quite in vain. – H.A. Cartwright [and M.C.C. Harrison], *Within Four Walls***



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**Made holy and wholly alive.**

**Given judgment authority.**

**Reign with Jesus during His kingdom. (repeated for emphasis)**

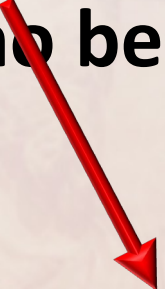
**Do not face death ever again.**

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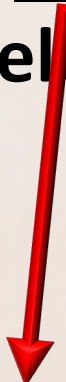


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- Jesus
  - The church at rapture (1 Th 4:16)
  - OT saints (Is 26:19; Job 19:26)\*
  - Tribulation saints (Rev 20)
- [\*2 exceptions join: Enoch and Elijah never died.]

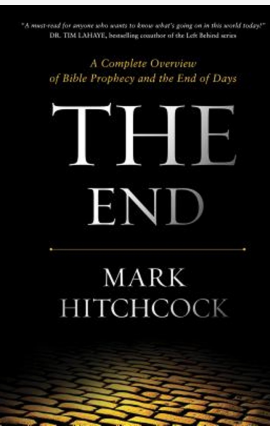
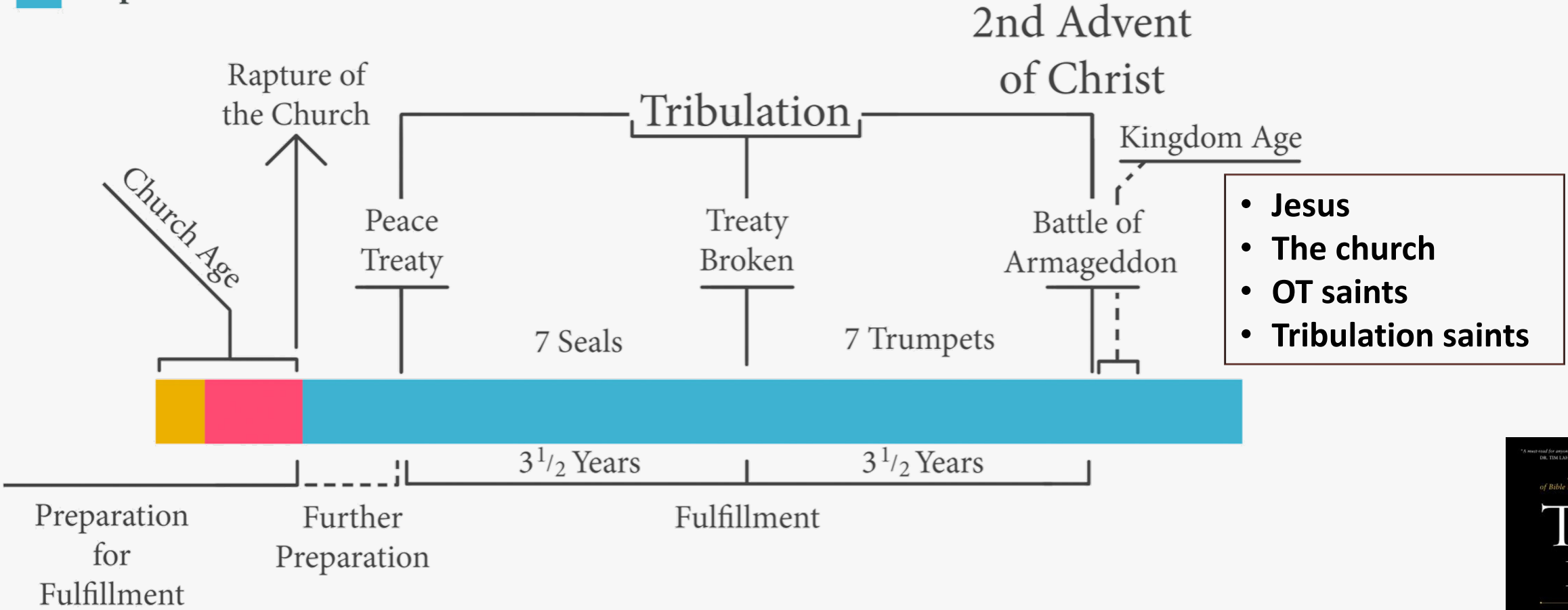


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# Order of Events

- Past
- Present
- Prophetic

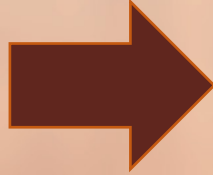


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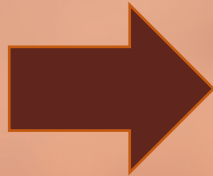


**Being**



**Doing**

**Believer in Jesus**



**Refuse idolatry**

**Can't get to Jesus' kingdom**

**[response: Can't get to Jesus' kingdom]**

**In a ping-pong ball**

**[response: In a ping-pong ball]**

**Can't get to Jesus' kingdom**

**[response: Can't get to Jesus' kingdom]**

**[Together] In a ping-pong baaaaaal.**

**Can't get to Jesus' kingdom in a ping-pong ball**

**A ping pong ball is much too small.**

**All my sins are washed away,**

**I've been redeemed by trusting the Lamb.**







**Can't get to Jesus' kingdom**

**[response: Can't get to Jesus' kingdom]**

**On the Deutsche Bahn**

**[response: On the Deutsche Bahn]**

**Can't get to Jesus' kingdom**

**[response: Can't get to Jesus' kingdom]**

**[Together] On the Deutsche Baaaaaahn**

**Can't get to Jesus' kingdom on the Deutsche Bahn**

**The Deutsche Bahn takes much too long.**

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A mosaic of a golden crown with a cross on top, set against a blue background with a sunburst pattern. The crown is highly detailed with ornate scrollwork and a central cross. The background consists of a blue circular field with a sunburst pattern of radiating lines, all set within a larger brown and gold mosaic border.

# THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM



- **Start with Isaiah, which gives details on how earthly life will be changed.**
- **Study Ezekiel to see how worship is changed.**
- **Read *The Footsteps of the Messiah*, by Arnold Fruchtenbaum for analysis of the all the millennial scriptures.**



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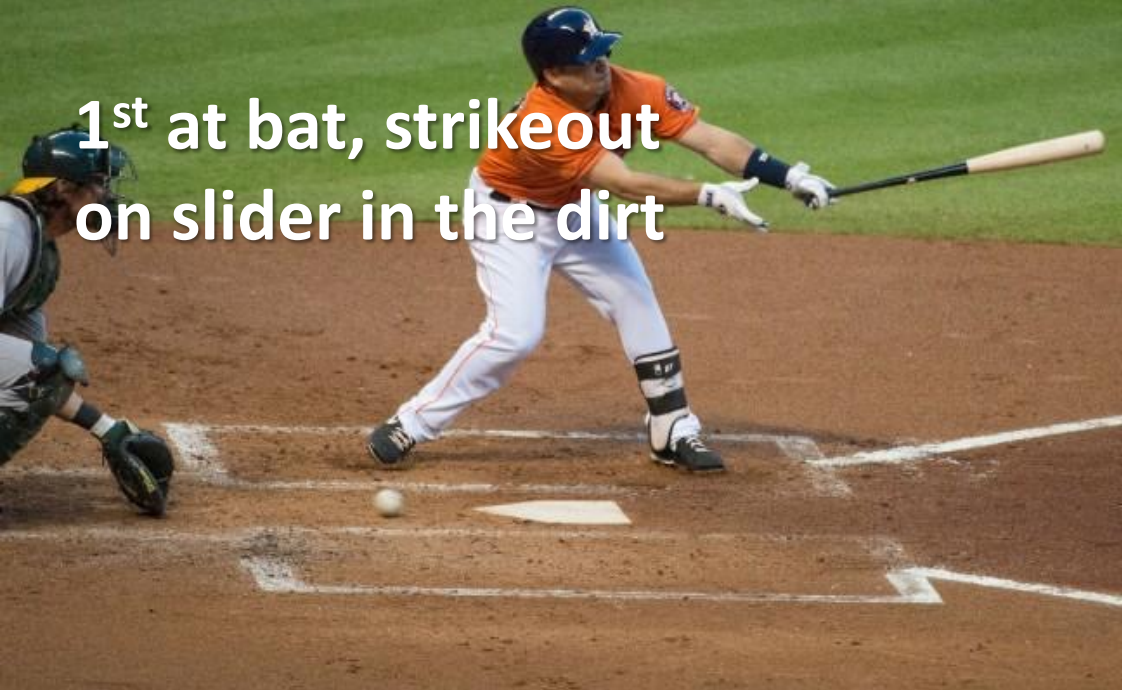




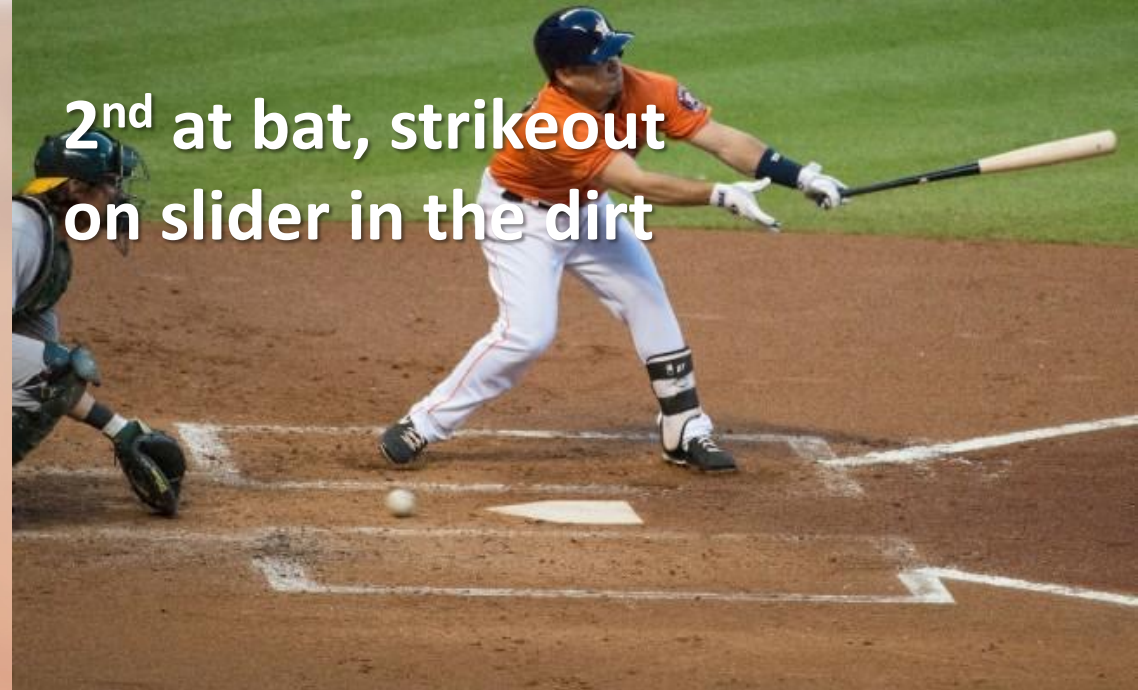
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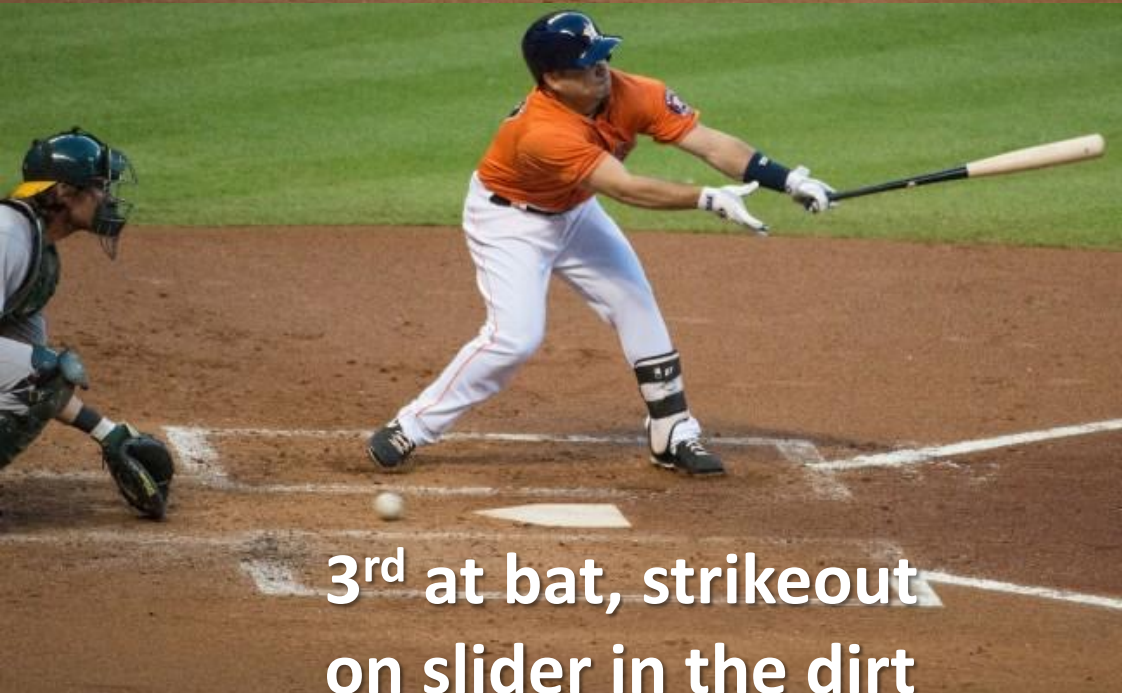




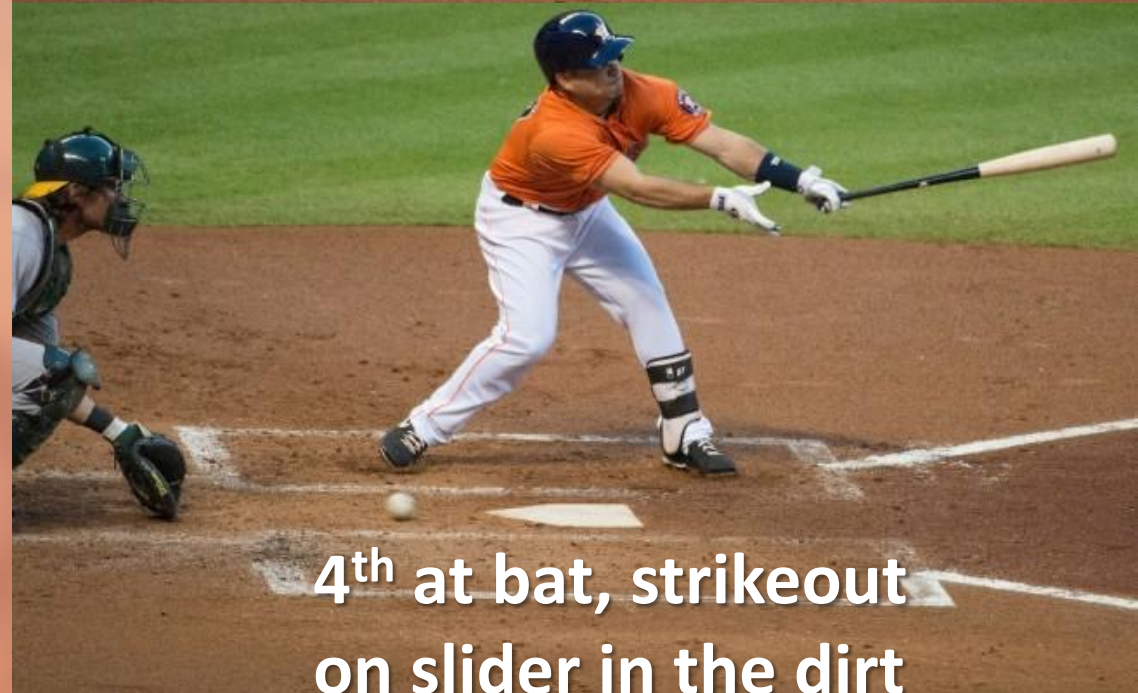
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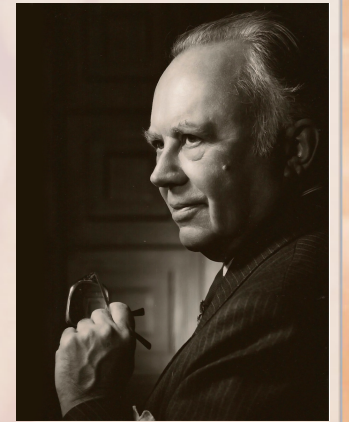
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**Human nature suffers irremediably from certain grave faults [and] being imperfect...mankind would grow rebellious under any utopian domination and would break out once more in violent discontent. – Russell Kirk, *The Politics of Prudence***



**Who are these people who  
follow Satan at the end of  
the kingdom age?**





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## Ezekiel 38-39

- From the north
- A few select nations
- No mention of Satan directly involved
- Gog is ruler, Magog the people/area
- Earthquake, hail, etc.

## Revelation 20

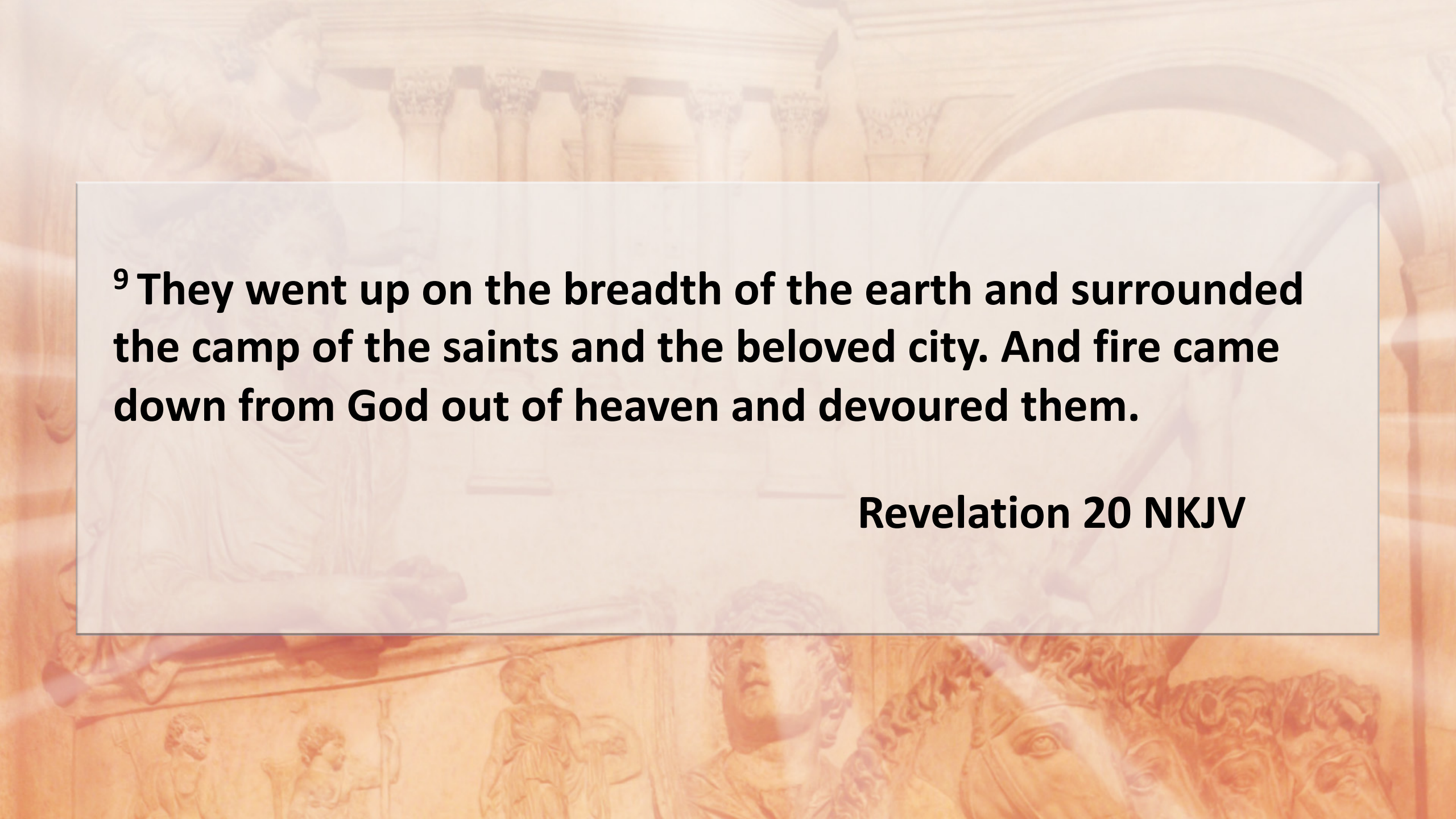
- From all directions
- All the earth (4 corners)
- Directly instigated by Satan
- Gog & Magog used euphemistically (it can be dropped out of the sentence without changing the meaning)
- Only fire from heaven



A graphic for 9/11 Memorial Day. The background is a dark blue-tinted photograph of a city skyline at night, with several skyscrapers visible. The date '9/11' is written in large, white, sans-serif font. The slash between the 9 and 11 is a light blue diagonal line. Below the date, the words 'ALWAYS' and 'REMEMBER' are written in white, sans-serif font, separated by a yellow five-pointed star.

9/11

ALWAYS ★ REMEMBER

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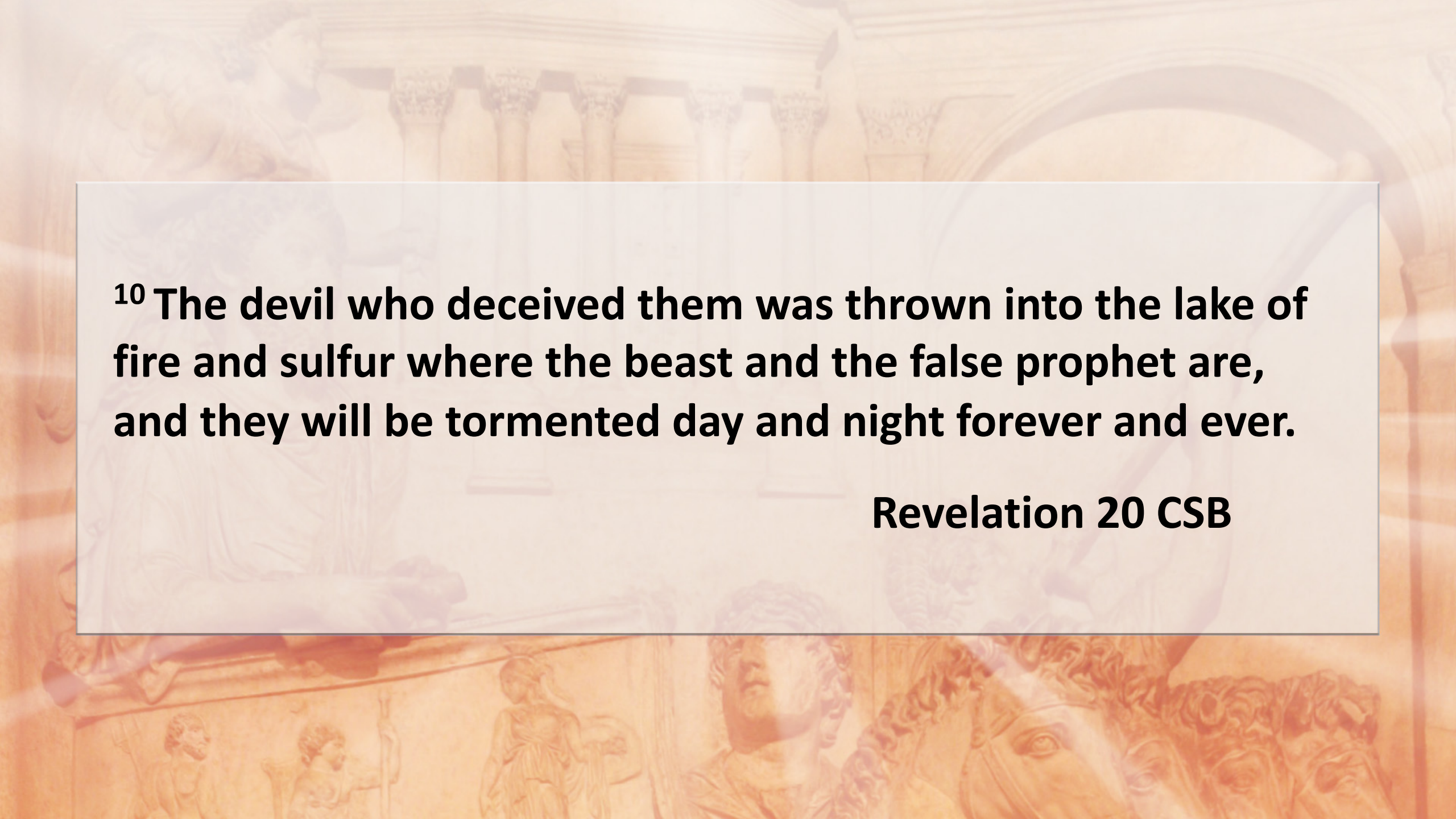
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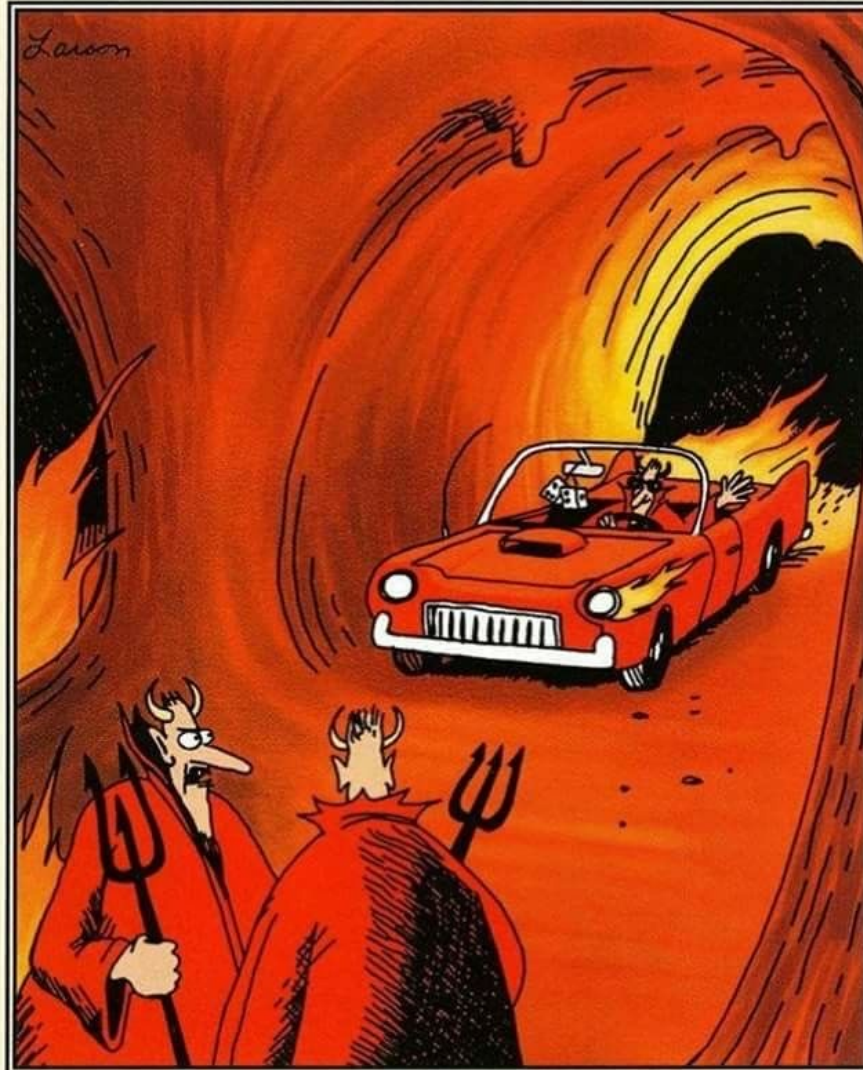
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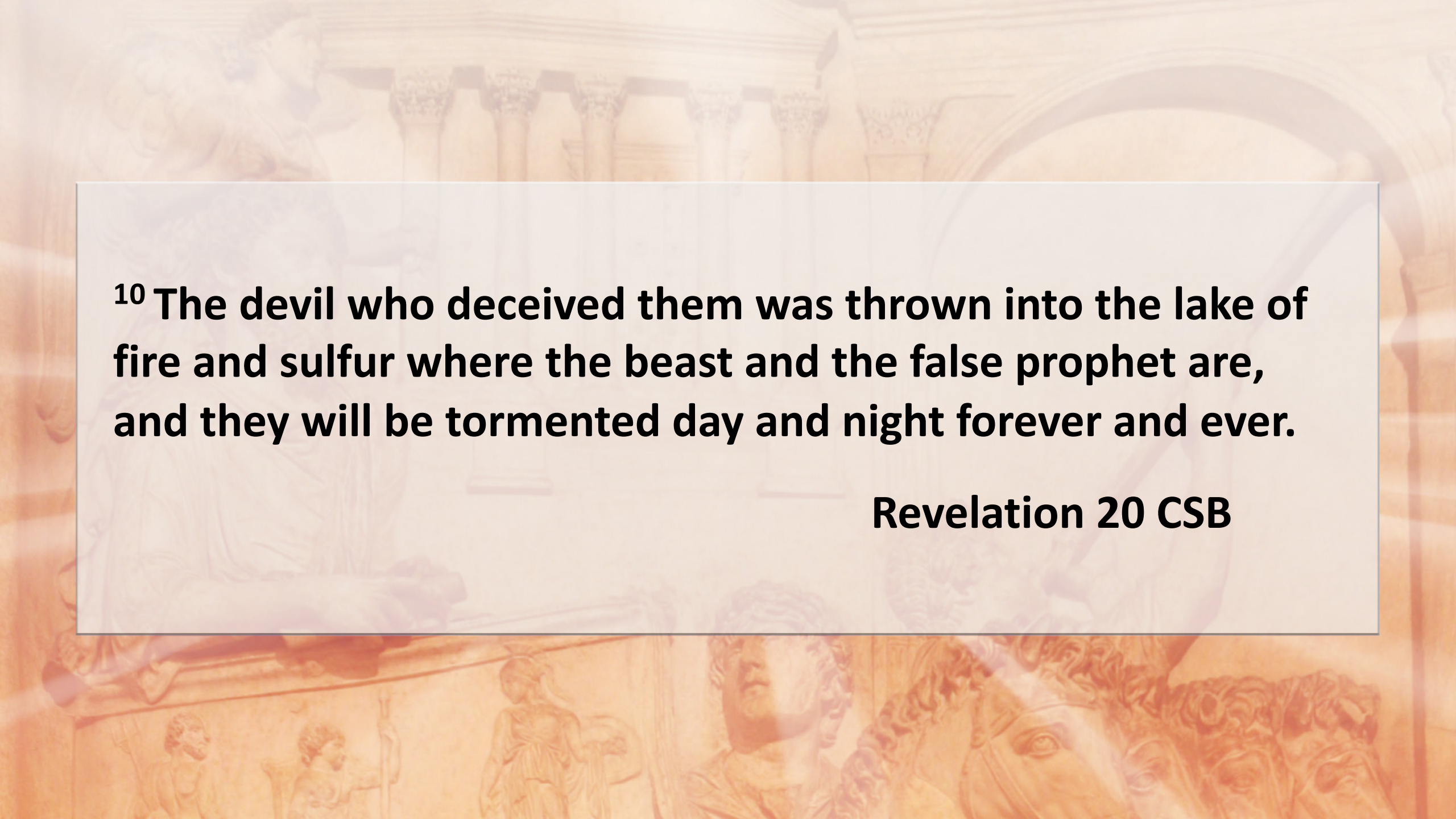


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“Well, here comes Roy again. ... He sure does think he’s Hell on Wheels.”



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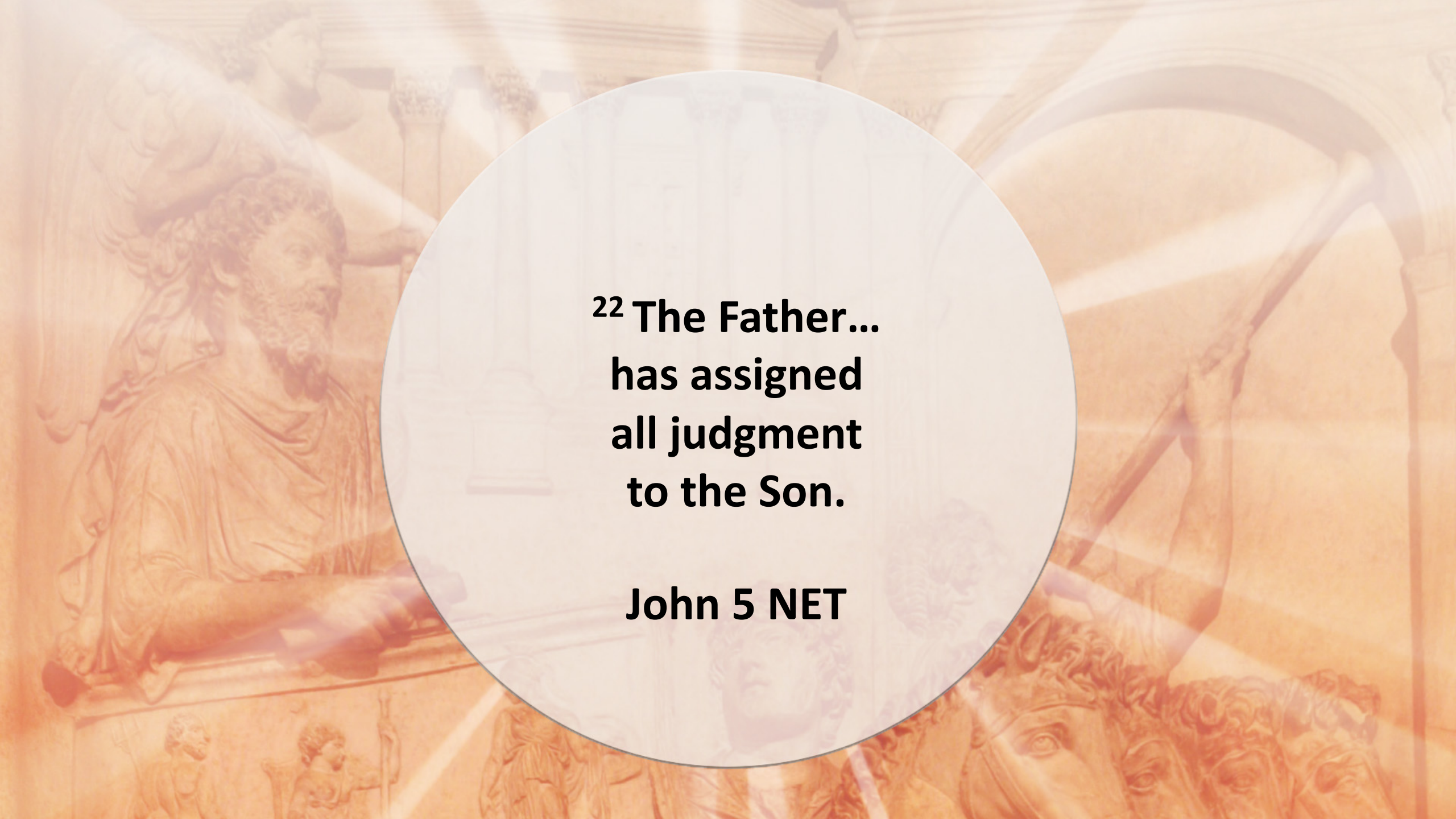
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**What brilliant language! This is a foretaste of the palatial language coming in the last 2 chapters and an indication that earthly & heavenly powers are absolutely nothing compared to God. His judgement occurs beyond any dimension.**



**<sup>22</sup> The Father...  
has assigned  
all judgment  
to the Son.**

**John 5 NET**



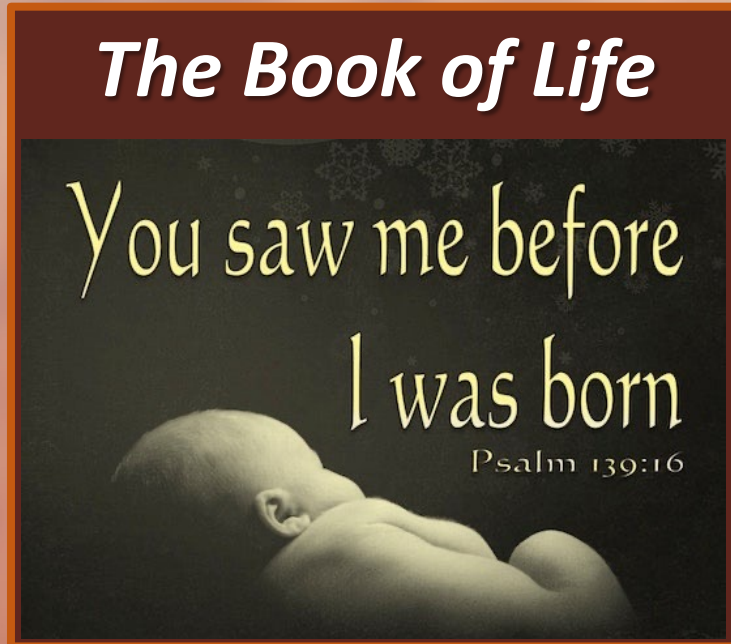
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# Background to *The Book of Life* in Revelation 20



**Believers retained in  
*The Book of Life*  
Rev 3**



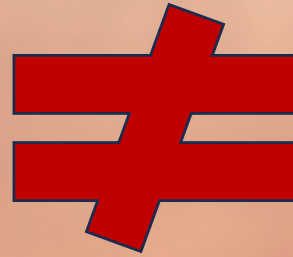
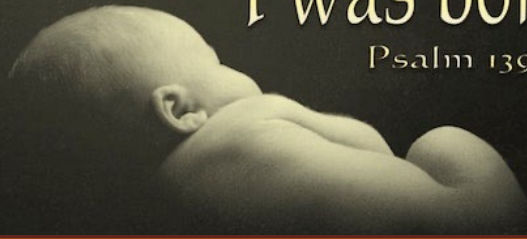
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out of  
*The Book of Life*  
Ps 69**



# Background to *The Book of Life* in Revelation 20

## *The Book of Life*

You saw me before  
I was born  
Psalm 139:16



## *The Lamb's Book of Life*



Written before time  
Rev 13

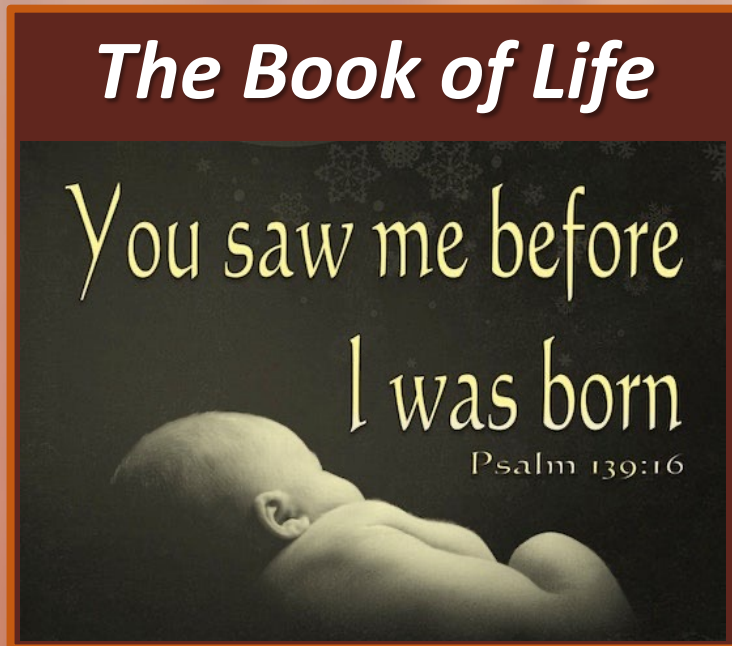






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# Background to *The Book of Life* in Revelation 20



Believers  
retained in  
*The Book of Life* Rev 3



*The Lamb's  
Book of Life*  
Written before  
time Rev 13



Rejecters blotted  
out of  
*The Book of Life*  
Ps 69



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– John R.W. Stott**



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**This is Hebraic parallel that leaves no room for one group (condemned humans) to have different rules. Just as the resurrected live forever, so the condemned die forever. Just as Satan doesn't cease to exist, neither do human souls.**

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### **1<sup>st</sup> resurrection to life**

- Jesus
- The church (1 Th 4:16)
- OT saints (Is 26:19; Job 19:26)\*
- Tribulation saints (Rev 20)

**[\*2 exceptions join: Enoch and Elijah never died.]**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection to torment**

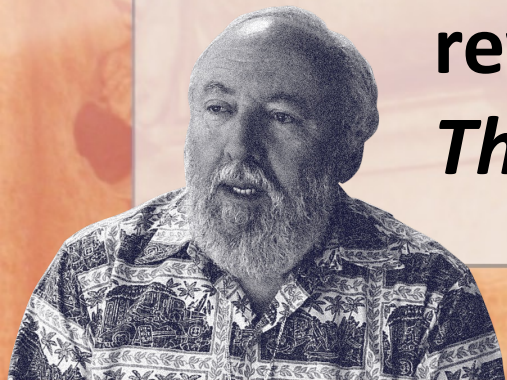
- Antichrist
  - All unsaved dead
- [2 exceptions join: Satan never dies, and the False Prophet isn't resurrected.]**



**At the time of the second resurrection, the bodies of the unsaved will be resurrected, and the souls of hell will be removed to be reunited with the bodies. At that time, the hell portion of Sheol will be eliminated, because hell will not be the eternal abode of the lost. The Lake of Fire will be. Hell is a place of torment for the soul only, but the Lake of Fire will be a place of torment for both soul and [resurrected] body.**

**On the other hand, heaven will not be the eternal abode of the believer [something the last two chapters of Revelation will**

**reveal.] – Arnold Fruchtenbaum,  
*The Footsteps of the Messiah***







AS WE SEE  
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APPROACHING