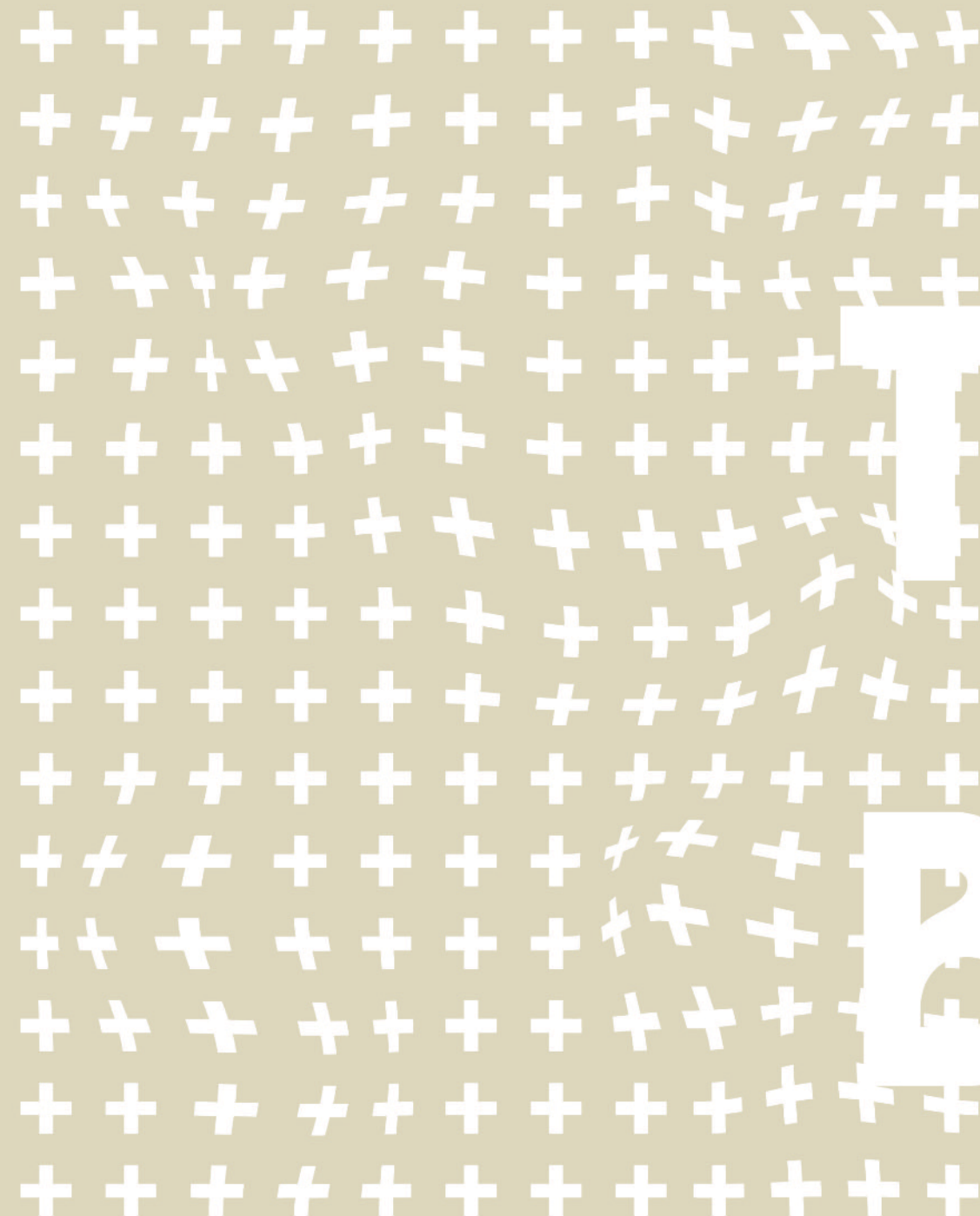


THE UNVEILING

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THE COSMIC BATTLE

Deception

“Watch out that no one deceives you.” - Matthew 24:4

“Do not be deceived.” - 1 Corinthians 6:9

“I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.”
- Colossians 2:4

“Evildoers and imposters will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”
- 2 Timothy 3:13

“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds
of passions and pleasures” - Titus 3:3



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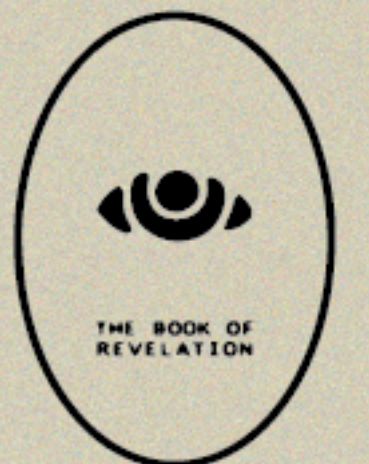
"I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ." - 2 Corinthians 11:3

"Dear children do not let anyone lead you astray" - 1 John 3:7

Paul writes about those who "exchanged the truth about God for a lie" and people who "suppress the truth by their wickedness" - Romans 1:25, 18

Jude warns about false teachers who have "secretly slipped in among you...who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality." - Jude 4

The false prophet and antichrist "deceive" and "delude" and "lead astray" the nations.
- Revelation 18:23; 19:20



The Temple Thrown Wide Open

"5 Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God's Tabernacle, was thrown wide open. 6 The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chests. 7 Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. 8 The Temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues."

- Revelation 15:5-8 NLT



“The bowls [of judgment] are, therefore, the natural, automatic reflex of holiness. The bowls are the logical response - the awful logical response - of holiness to evil and impurity.”

- Darrell Johnson, *Discipleship on the Edge* p. 286.



The First Three Bowls

"Then I heard a mighty voice from the Temple say to the seven angels, "Go your ways and pour out on the earth the seven bowls containing God's wrath." 2 So the first angel left the Temple and poured out his bowl on the earth, and horrible, malignant sores broke out on everyone who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. 3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse. And everything in the sea died. 4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs, and they became blood."

- Revelation 16:1-4 NLT



Holy, True, and Just

“5 And I heard the angel who had authority over all water saying, “You are just, O Holy One, who is and who always was, because you have sent these judgments. 6 Since they shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, you have given them blood to drink. It is their just reward.” 7 And I heard a voice from the altar,[a] saying, “Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, your judgments are true and just.”



The Lord is Righteous

“The Lord is righteous in everything he does;
he is filled with kindness.” - Psalm 145:17

“O Lord, you are righteous,
and your regulations are fair.” - Psalm 119:137



The Fourth and Fifth Bowls

“8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with its fire. 9 Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. They did not repent of their sins and turn to God and give him glory. 10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. His subjects ground their teeth in anguish, 11 and they cursed the God of heaven for their pains and sores. But they did not repent of their evil deeds and turn to God.” - Revelation 16:8-11 NLT



The Sixth Bowl

“12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and it dried up so that the kings from the east could march their armies toward the west without hindrance. 13 And I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs leap from the mouths of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. 14 They are demonic spirits who work miracles and go out to all the rulers of the world to gather them for battle against the Lord on that great judgment day of God the Almighty.”

- Revelation 16:12-14 NLT



Be Prepared

"15 'Look, I will come as unexpectedly as a thief! Blessed are all who are watching for me, who keep their clothing ready so they will not have to walk around naked and ashamed.'16 And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon." - Revelation 16:15-16 NLT



The Seventh Bowl

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, "It is finished!" 18 Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth. 19 The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God remembered all of Babylon's sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath. 20 And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were leveled. 21 There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing as much as seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm." - Revelation 16:17-20 NLT



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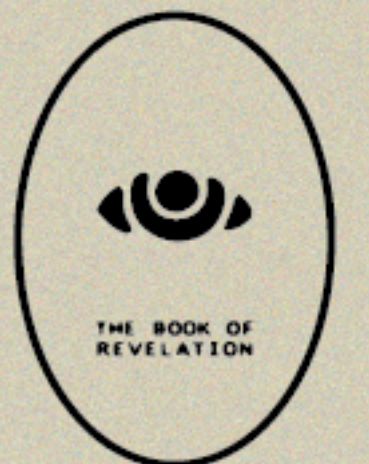
1. God's Holy Judgment is Wholly Justified

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- Rev. 16:5b-6 NLT

"The unbeliever has preferred to be by himself, without God, defying God, having God against him, and he shall have his preference. Nobody stands under the wrath of God save those who have chosen to do so."

- J.I. Packer, Knowing God



3 Discipleship Implications

2. God's Kindness Leads Us to Repentance

"Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" - Romans 2:4



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3. 3. God Expects Us to Be Ready, Watchful, and Living for Christ

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