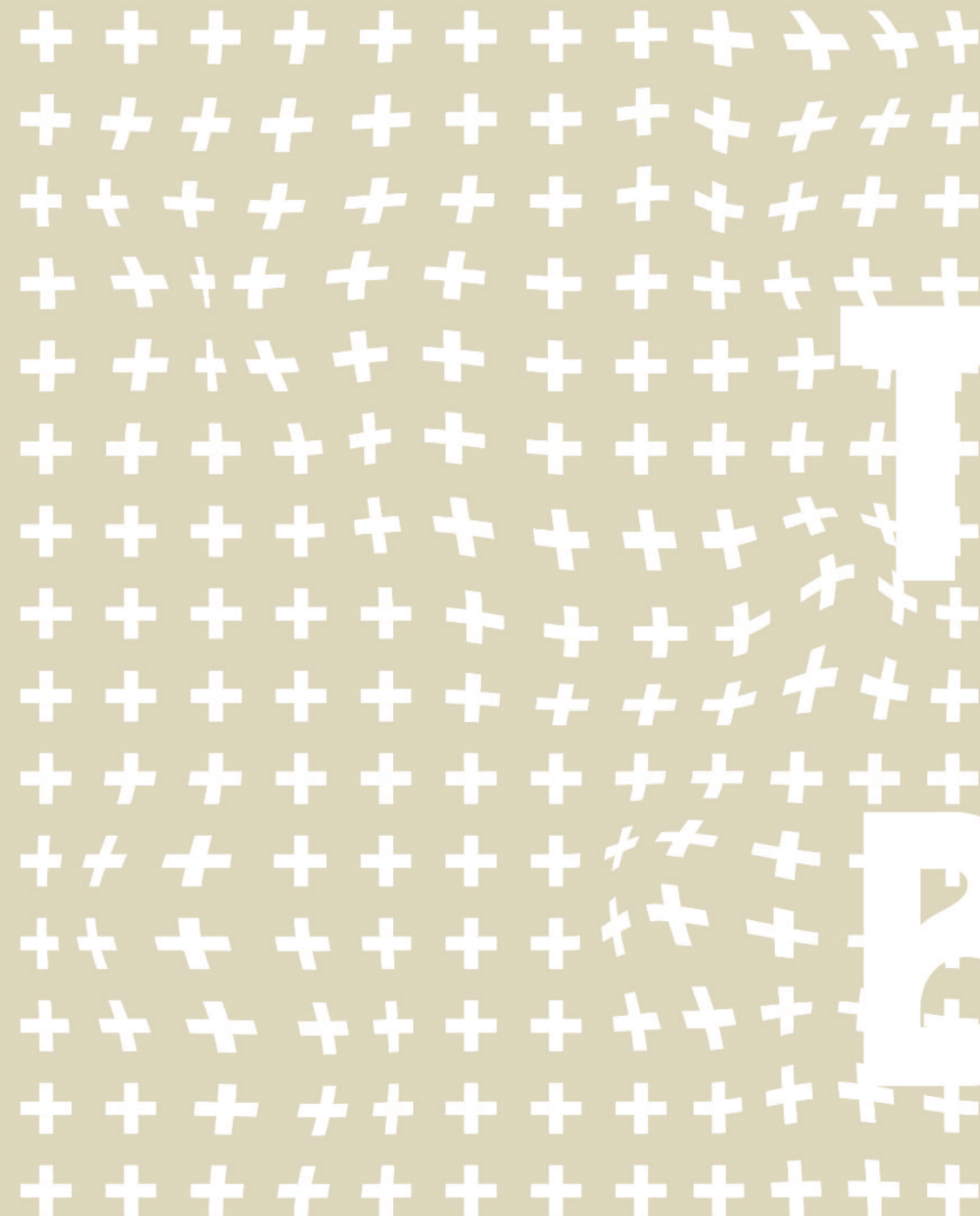


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THE COSMIC BATTLE

The First Angel

“6 And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people.

7 “Fear God,” he shouted. “Give glory to him. For the time has come when he will sit as judge. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water.”

Revelation 14:6-7 NLT



The Second Angel

8 Then another angel followed him through the sky, shouting, "Babylon is fallen—that great city is fallen—because she made all the nations of the world drink the wine of her passionate immorality."

Revelation 14:8 NLT



The Third Angel

“**9** Then a third angel followed them, shouting, “Anyone who worships the beast and his statue or who accepts his mark on the forehead or on the hand **10** must drink the wine of God’s anger. It has been poured full strength into God’s cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. **11** The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name. **12** This means that God’s holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus.” - Revelation 14:9-12 NLT



God's Wrath

"...the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God." - James 1:20 ESV

Divine wrath is not an impulsive outburst of anger randomly aimed at people God doesn't like. It is the righteous response of a holy God against sin.



Men Choose God's Wrath for Themselves

"Before hell is an experience inflicted by God, it is a state for which man himself opts, by retreating from the light which God shines in his heart to lead him to himself...But they are not arbitrary inflictions; they represent, rather a conscious growing into the state in which one has chosen to be. 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.



Men Choose God's Wrath for Themselves

The essence of God's action in wrath is to give men what they choose, in all its implications: nothing more, and equally nothing less. God's readiness to respect human choice to this extent may appear disconcerting and even terrifying, but it is plain that His attitude here is supremely just, and poles apart from the wanton and irresponsible inflicting of pain which is what we mean by cruelty."

- J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 138-139



Those Who Die In The Lord

"**13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"

Revelation 14:13 NLT



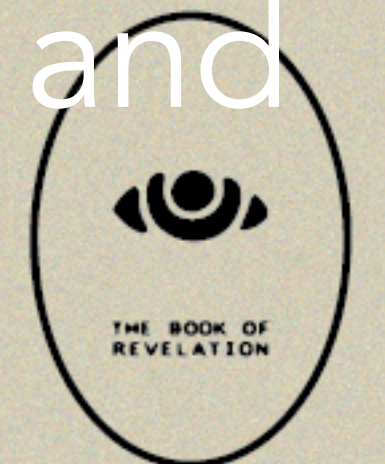
The Harvest of the Earth

"**14** Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. **15** Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, "Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe." **16** So the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the whole earth was harvested." - Revelation 14:14-16 NLT



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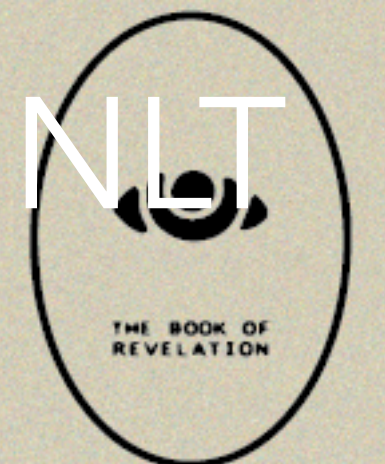
"17 After that, another angel came from the Temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle. 18 Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, "Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment." 19 So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God's wrath. 20 The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles[d] long and as high as a horse's bridle." - Revelation 14:17-20 NLT



Two Harvests

1. **The Grain Harvest** (v.14-16) shows Jesus gathering believers who have turned to Him during this tribulation period.

“**37** Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. **39** The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.” - Matthew 13:37-39 NLT



Two Harvests

2. **The Grape Harvest** (v.17-20) envisions God's holy wrath being executed on the wicked who repeatedly choose to harden their hearts in sin and unbelief.



Living In Light of Revelation 14

1. Decisions Have Outcomes

“Sow a thought, you reap an action;
sow an action, you reap a habit;
sow a habit, you reap a character,
sow a character, you reap a destiny. - E. Stanley Jones



Living In Light of Revelation 14

2. Believe In and Share The Eternal Gospel Now

One day, or day one?



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“**16** Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. **17** He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ **18** Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. **19** And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!” **20** “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’” - Luke 12:16-20 NLT



The Eternal Gospel

John 3:16 — “For this is how God loved the world: He gave[a] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

Romans 5:8 — “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

1 Timothy 1:15 — “This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.”

Revelation 1:5 — “All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us.”

