

Increase in Apostasy

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-5 *'Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart [fall away/ abandon] from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.'* This departure is a falling away from the Truth of God's Word. It depicts a willful defection or abandonment from the faith; God is telling us what will happen. Biblical examples of apostasy:

MATTHEW 26 (vv14-25) Judas willingly betrays Jesus for thirty pieces of silver (**vv47-57**) because of this apostasy there is all kinds of evil occurring in this scene. **MATTHEW 27 (vv1-10)** Judas fell away from the truth for financial gain, but it only brought him deep regret and eventually he took his own life **ACTS 1:18**

1 TIMOTHY 1 (vv17-20) *'Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymanaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.'* These two men fell away and became slanderous men.

2 TIMOTHY 4 (vv6-11) *'For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world...'* God's Word warns us continually about the severe consequences of turning away from our commitment to Him and letting the world rule our thoughts **1 JOHN 2:15-17**

LUKE 8 (vv4-8) Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower to show the dangers of backsliding or falling away from faith in Him (**vv11-15**) *'Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.'* As Jesus gives the interpretation of this parable we are warned about the pleasures and concerns of this life creeping into our spiritual lives and hindering any fruit in Jesus. **HEBREWS 6 (vv4-9)** this is a severe warning to us all, and while I believe that this section is dealing with those who never were genuinely saved, we all must take heed to the fruit we are bearing daily in our walk with Jesus.

Apostasy occurred many times in the Old Testament with Israel, and as a result Israel went into times of exile: **JOSHUA 22:22,23; JEREMIAH 2:19; 5:6**. Paul also warned church elders in the New Testament that after his departure (death) false teachers would arise:

ACTS 20 (vv25-32) *'Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.'* Our protection against false teaching from apostates is found in two ways here: *'declare to you the whole counsel of God... brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace...'* being immersed in the entire Bible and living in the presence of Jesus daily will keep us from turning away and being tripped up by false teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4 (vv1-8) *'For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...'* we are told that apostasy will increase in the end times.

2 TIMOTHY 3 (vv1-5) *'For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...'* these are very specific examples of apostasy, and we are seeing that today with all the false teaching which perverts the true Gospel. We are living in these days right now! (**vv6-9**) *'but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.'* We are assured of victory in Jesus, we do not have to live depressed lives because of this evil, but rather pray for those around us to come to know Jesus as Savior.

MATTHEW 24 (vv3-12) *'Take heed that no one deceives you...For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many... And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another...Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many...And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.'* This passage deals specifically with the Tribulation but we can see its shadow being cast in the times we live.

DANIEL 2 The Bible is very clear that the political and economic superpower of the end times will be the Revived Roman Empire headed by the Antichrist. With this being the case, the United States must progressively weaken by the time the Tribulation begins (**vv1-3**) Nebuchadnezzar, the ruler of the world at this time, has a vision that scares him, the time is 603 BC (**vv31-45**) the Revived Roman Empire under the Antichrist will be the world power when Jesus returns.

As we go about our lives in this world today, remember to be about the Lord's business as He has told us the future. God is sovereign and will judge any nation that rebels against Him **JOB 12:23; DANIEL 2:20,21**. The USA has been in a moral free fall, plummeting morally with no repentance in sight. **ROMANS 1 (vv18-32)** any nation which continues to willfully reject God and His righteousness and moral principles will indeed come under His judgment. **PHILIPPIANS 3 (vv17-21)** *'For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.'* Jesus is coming back! God doesn't want us to feel helpless and distraught over the events of this world. These things must happen, our True Hope is Jesus Christ! Pray for our country, our families, our friends, and live for Jesus! **PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9; REVELATION 21:4; 22:3,4, 20,21**. Be free in the spirit of your mind!

End Times

**Studying
The Prophetic
Word Of God**



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Matt 26:15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

Act 1:18 Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

'Blasphēmeō' {blas-fay-meh'-o}

- to vilify; to speak evil of
 - to rail at; to revile

2Tim 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world...

I John 2:15-17

- 15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.



PARABLE *of the* **SOWER**

Luke 8:14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, **and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life**, and bring no fruit to perfection.

Heb 6:8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

Josh 22:22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, He knows, and let Israel itself know—if it is in rebellion, or if in treachery against the LORD, do not save us this day.

Josh 22:23 If we have built ourselves an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer on it burnt offerings or grain offerings, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD Himself require an account.

**“Your own wickedness will correct you,
And your apostasies will reprove you;
Know therefore and see that it is evil and
bitter For you to forsake the LORD your
God, And the dread of Me is not in you,”
declares the Lord GOD of hosts.**

— Jeremiah 2:19 (NASB®)

Jeremiah 5:6

New American Standard Bible

Therefore a lion from the forest will slay them,
A wolf of the deserts will destroy them, A
leopard is watching their cities. Everyone who
goes out of them will be torn in pieces,
Because their transgressions are many, Their
apostasies are numerous.

Acts 20:27 For I have not shunned to
declare unto you **all the counsel** of
God.

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend
you **to God**, and to **the word** of His
grace...

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:1-2



**FOR THE TIME IS COMING WHEN
PEOPLE WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND
TEACHING, BUT HAVING ITCHING EARS
THEY WILL ACCUMULATE FOR
THEMSELVES TEACHERS TO SUIT THEIR
OWN PASSIONS, AND WILL TURN AWAY
FROM LISTENING TO THE TRUTH AND
WANDER OFF INTO MYTHS.**

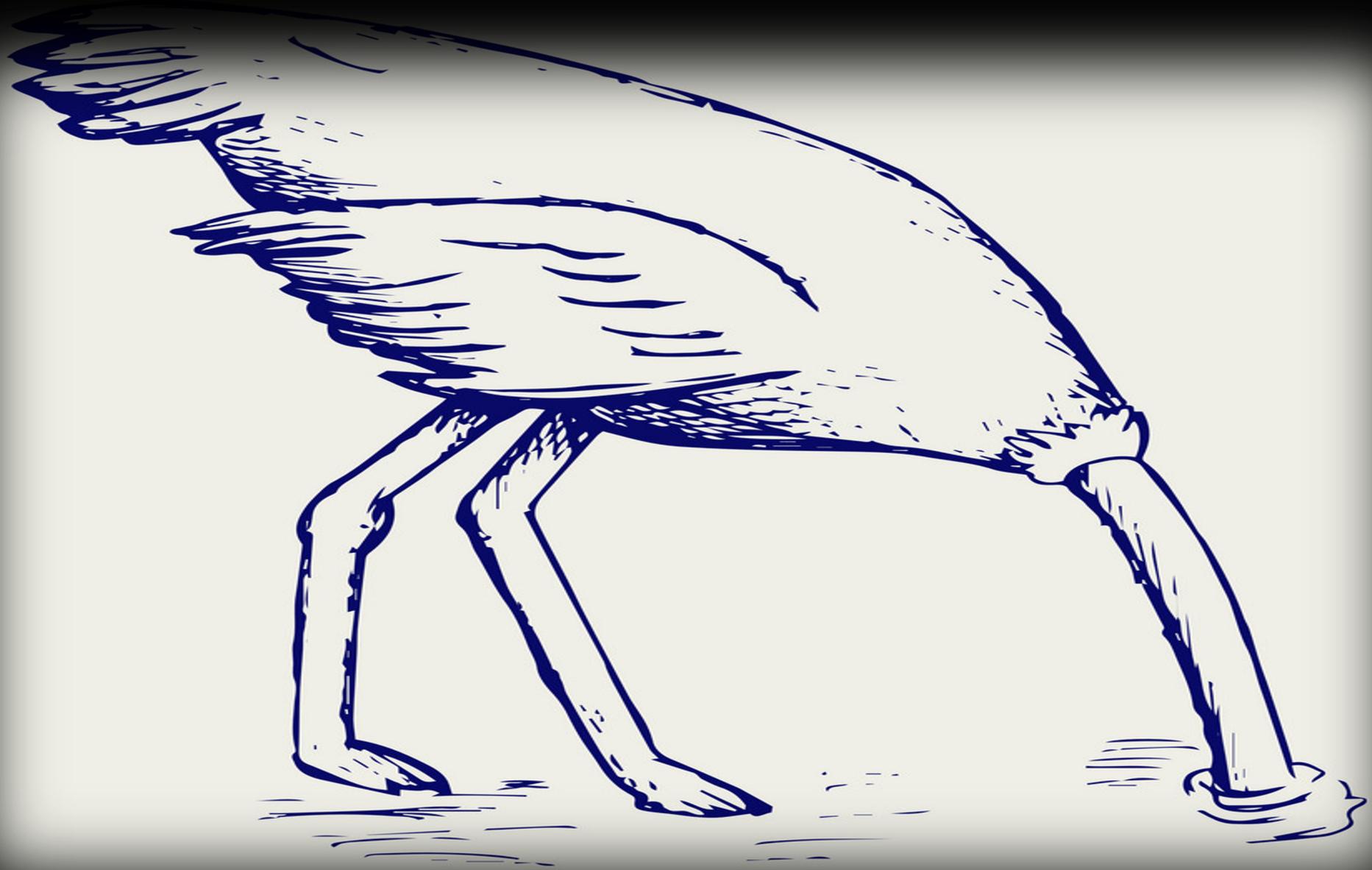
2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

2Tim 3:2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

2Tim 3:3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

2Tim 3:4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

2Tim 3:5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].



2 Timothy 3:9

English Revised Version

But they shall proceed no further:
for their folly shall be evident unto
all men, as theirs also came to be.

Matt 24 For **many** shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive **many**...And then shall **many** be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another...And **many** false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive **many**...the love of **many** shall wax cold.

The Revived Roman
Empire headed by
the Antichrist

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2

The Times

of the

Gentiles



606 BC
Babylonian
Empire

538 BC
Medo-Persian
Empire

333 BC
Grecian
Empire

63 BC
Rome
(not named)

Approximately where we are,
today

Christ

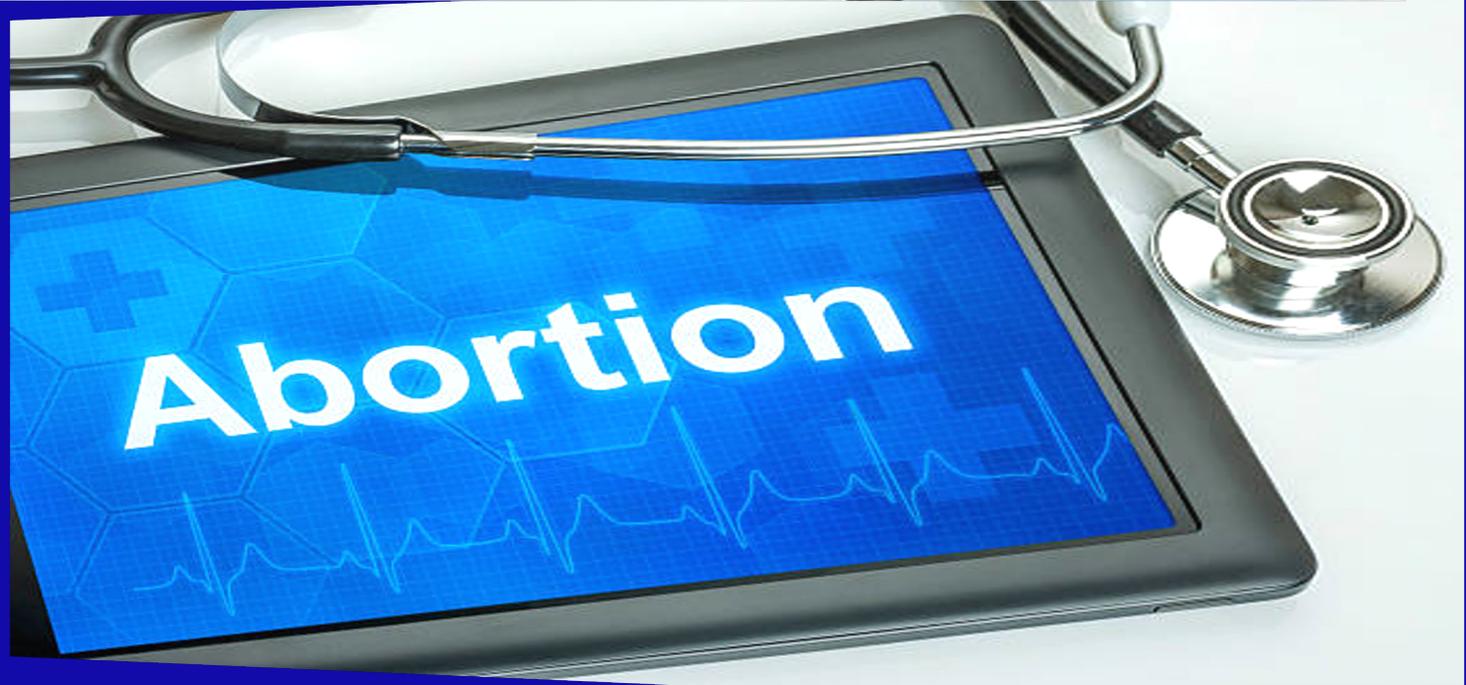
A close-up photograph of a lion's face, looking directly at the camera. The lion's fur is a golden-brown color, and its eyes are partially closed. The background is dark and out of focus. Overlaid on the image is the text "GOOD RULES" in a large, bold, black, handwritten-style font. The word "GOOD" is positioned above the word "RULES".

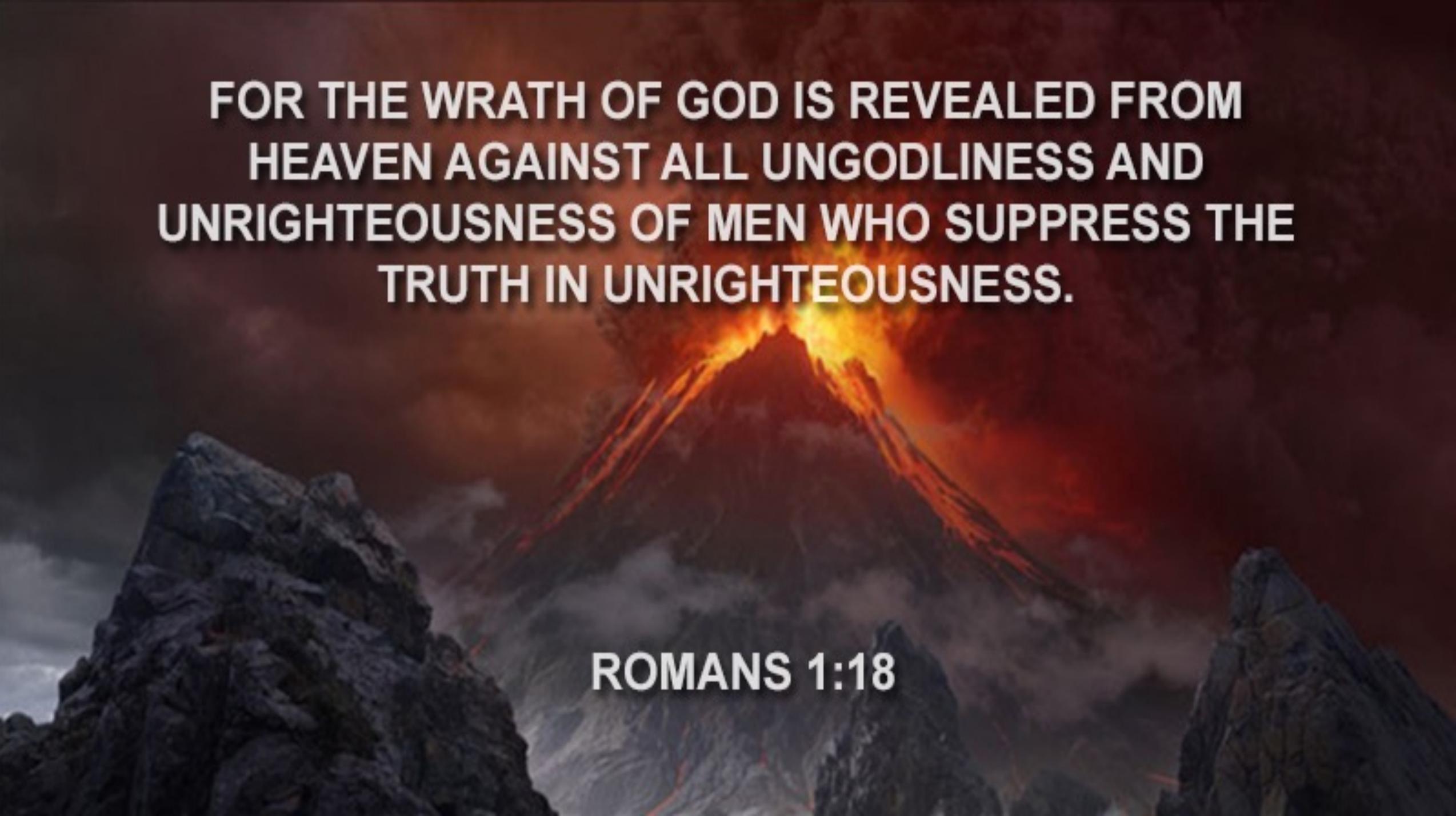
GOOD
RULES

Job 12:23 He makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations, and guides them.

Dan 2:20 Daniel answered and said: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His.

Dan 2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.





**FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM
HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN WHO SUPPRESS THE
TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

ROMANS 1:18



KINGDOM
OF
HEAVEN
Passport

***Our citizenship is in heaven,
from which we also
eagerly wait for the Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.***

Philippians 3:20 (New King James Version)

“Those things, which
ye have both
learned, and
received, and heard,
and seen in me, do:
and the God of
peace shall be with
you.”

Philippians 4:9 KJV



“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Revelation 21:4 (KJV)

Revelation 22:3-4

³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. ⁴ They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.



A Promise

Revelation 22:20, 21

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.

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The
Rapture



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