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GUIDE 1

Titanic: Are We Next?



Here we stand, on the brink of an **unparalleled time** in

HUMAN CIVILIZATION



'We are in danger of destroying ourselves by our greed and stupidity. We cannot remain looking inwards at ouselves on a small and increasingly polluted and overcrowded planet."
—Steven Hawking

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Humanity is in a metamorphic stage which may very soon alter life as we know it. Explosive upheaval and change are apparent ecologically, economically, politically, and socially. Pandemics, COVID 19 isolation and lockdown. Unprecedented human tragedy and violence surround us. In America alone drug abuse, gang violence, and sexual impurities abound signalling that as a society we are teetering on the edge of bankruptcy, both morally and spiritually. Even some of the most noted optimists paint a rather bleak picture.

Many feel our generation is comparable to the ship Titanic: massive, technologically unmatched, sophisticated and opulent, virtually unsinkable. But below the waterline runs a cold shudder of fear and anxiety. Who isn't uncertain and uneasy about the future? How long can we survive at the rate we are going? Are we partying on the decks while the "ship" is going down?

World renowned scientist and oceanic explorer Jacques Cousteau, in his posthumously published autobiography Man, Octopus and Orchid,



reveals an ominous warning: “The road to the future leads us smack into the wall. We simply ricochet off the alternatives that destiny offers: a demographic explosion that triggers social chaos and spreads death, nuclear delirium, and the quasiannihilation of the species.” How long until this scientist’s prophecy-like prediction comes true? Cousteau wrote: “Our survival is no more than a question of 25, 50, perhaps 100 years.” What a prediction, coming from this mild man of the sea! Is there any hope, any promise for the future?

Over 2,000 years ago a prediction amazingly similar to that of Jacques Cousteau was made, revealing in detail the events unfolding around us today. It appears to have foreseen an end-time Titanic generation that parties in the face of impending disaster. In the midst of human predictions of doom, it offers an urgent message of hope and a compelling picture of a God. At a time when things seem to be spiraling out of control, this urgent message found in the book of Revelation should calm our anxious heart.


Respect



1 What did the angel proclaim in Revelation 14:6, 7?

"I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the _____ to preach to _____ those who dwell on the earth—and to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give _____ to Him, for the _____ of His _____has come;"

The Bible tells us that we are to fear God and give glow to Him. We have listened to much talk about fear in recent years and now we are given an urgent message to fear God. Who could possibly want a relationship with someone we are supposed to fear?

Before you write Him off too quickly, it should be noted that the words "fear God" mean simply to take Him seriously, and to revere Him; that 'Gospel' literally means "Good News." Here is a message of "everlasting good news"! Perhaps we should examine the Scriptures to obtain a clearer portrait of God.

The Bible is the record of God's encounter with people, so it offers to us the clearest written portrayal of His character. Through the Bible, we are given a wonderful tool to examine the true character of our loving God; a God who desires nothing greater than to enter into a forever friendship with you and me.

2 What was the divine inspiration of the Bible?

2 Peter 1:20,21

"Knowing this first, that no _____ of _____ is of any _____ _____ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but _____ _____ of God spoke as they were _____ by the _____ _____."

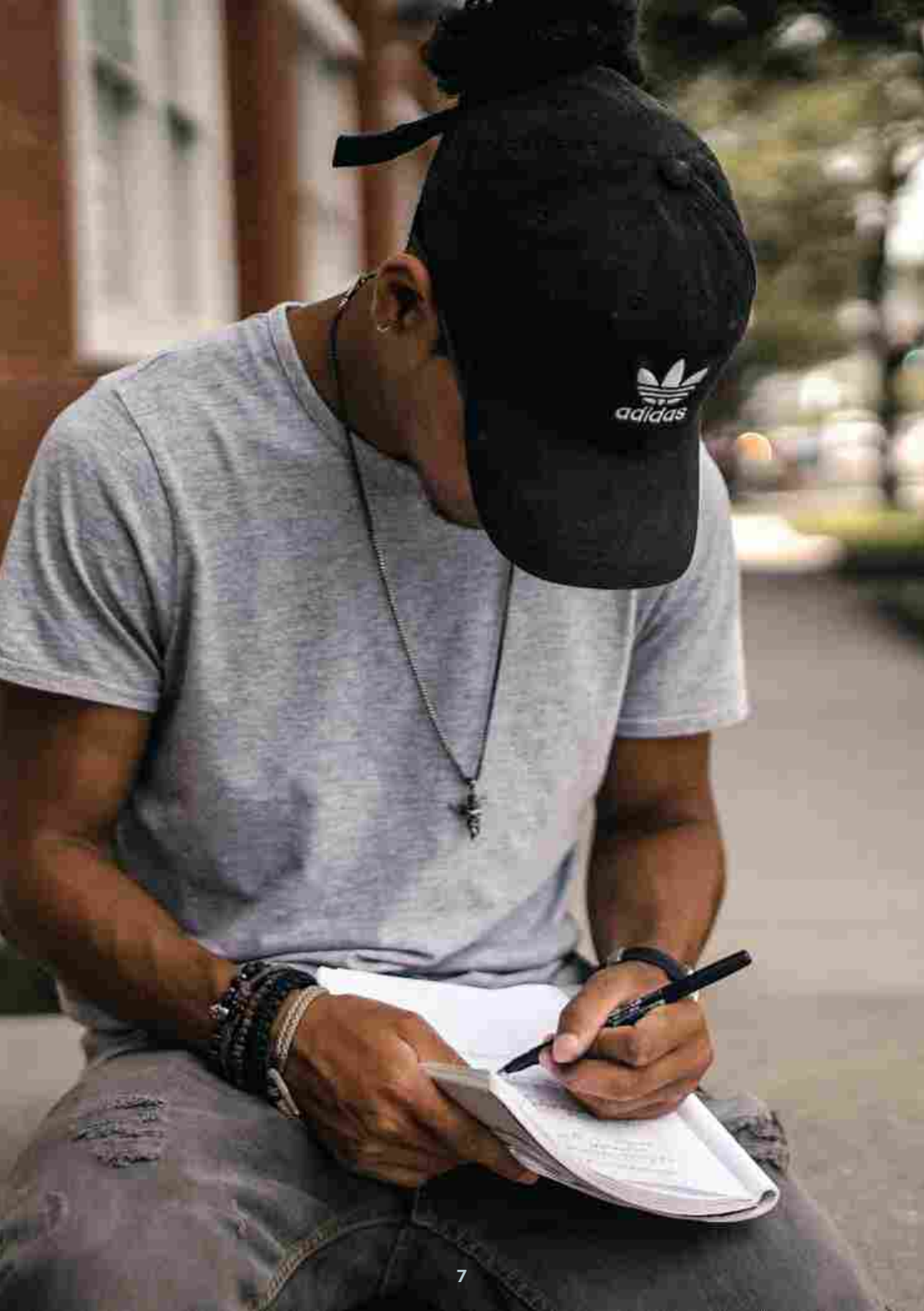
The Bible is the written word of God given by divine inspiration. Holy men of God spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the divine standard of character of a loving God. The Bible reveals the trustworthy record of His acts in history.

3 The Bible was written over 2,000 years ago; is it still applicable today?

Psalms 119:160

"The _____ of Your word is, _____ and every one of Your righteous judgments_____ forever."

The Bible is a timeless guideline applicable to every generation throughout history.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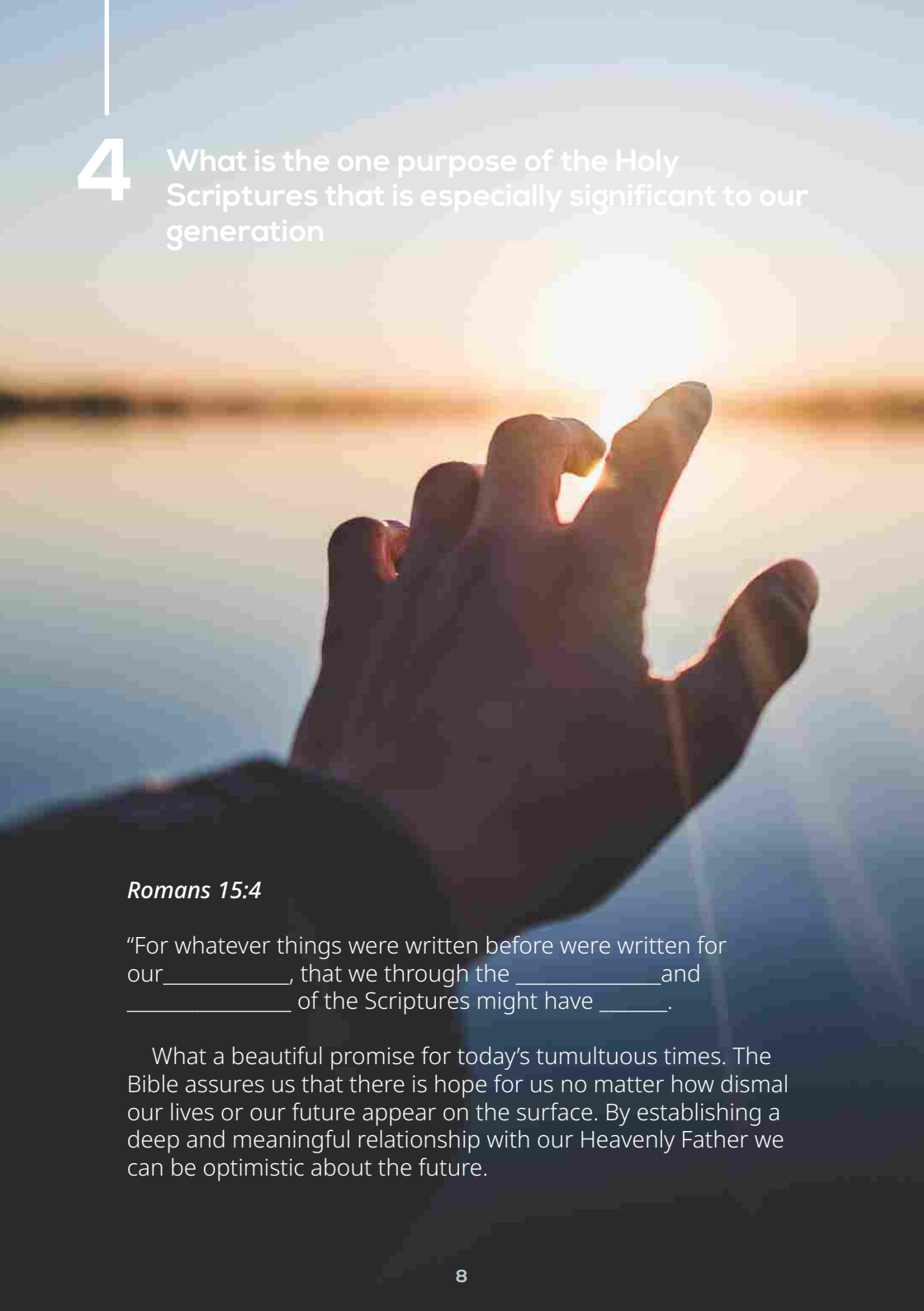
4 What is the one purpose of the Holy Scriptures that is especially significant to our generation



Romans 15:4

"For whatever things were written before were written for our_____, that we through the _____and _____ of the Scriptures might have _____.

What a beautiful promise for today's tumultuous times. The Bible assures us that there is hope for us no matter how dismal our lives or our future appear on the surface. By establishing a deep and meaningful relationship with our Heavenly Father we can be optimistic about the future.

5 In Revelation 14:7 we are told how to "fear give glory God and to Him." How does the Bible describe how to give glory to him?"

Jeremiah 9:24

"But let him who _____ glory in this, That he _____ and _____ Me."

We give glory to God by knowing Him, or in other words by having a meaningful relationship with Him. In fact, He delights in knowing us. The Bible gives us some examples of personal relationships that God has had.

6 What does God call those who seek Him and enter into a relationship with Him?

James 2:23

Abraham was called "the _____ of God."

Exodus 33:11

"So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his _____."

God has planted within each individual the instinctive knowledge of His existence. In an age full of broken dreams and promises, failed relationships and rejection, we hunger more than anything for a relationship that is unconditional and undying; a friendship that is genuine and that will outlast all others. Inasmuch as we are seeking friendship with Him to fill our every emptiness, He is seeking friendship with us.

Let us look deeper into the character of our Creator for the qualities of a true friend.



7 What is God's dominant trait as revealed in 1 John 4:8?

"God is _____."

8 In what way does God reveal His love to us?

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He _____ His only begotten _____, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Colossians 1:15

"He [Jesus] is the _____ of the _____ _____."



9 How does He treat the guilty?

John 8:11

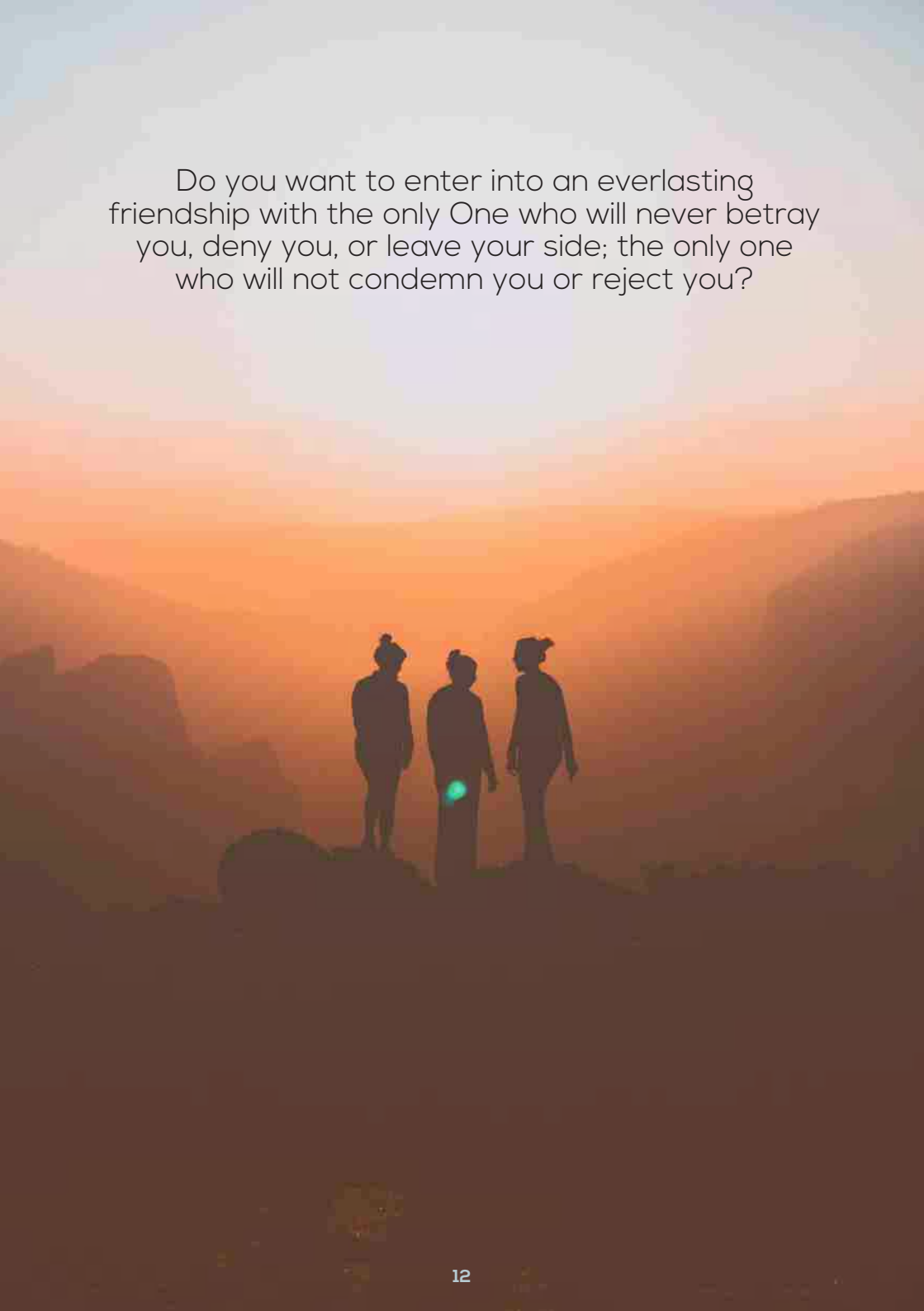
"_____ do I _____you."

10 How does He treat social outcasts in Mark 1:41?

"Then Jesus, moved with _____..."

God revealed Himself through the life of Jesus Christ. When Jesus encountered social outcasts, He was "moved with compassion" (Mark 1:41). When He addressed the one who betrayed Him, Jesus called him "friend" (Matthew 26:50). His last words to those who deserted Him in His hour of trial assured them that He would never leave them or forsake them, even to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Jesus prayed that those who crucified Him might be forgiven for their sin (Luke 23:34).

Do you want to enter into an everlasting friendship with the only One who will never betray you, deny you, or leave your side; the only one who will not condemn you or reject you?



Look to God not as someone to be afraid of, but as someone to be a friend of; not someone to run from but someone to run to.

Promise for the future in ***Jeremiah 29: 11*** God gives a promise of hope for our sometimes seemingly dismal future:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (NIV)

Would you like to accept that promise today by entering into a forever friendship with Him?

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Star Wars: When The Empire Strikes Back







Have you ever wondered how two adverse forces such as good and evil, **could coexist** in the

SAME PLACE?

On the day you awake to a chorus of birds chirping their melodious song and delight in the glory of spring flowers, but somewhere in that same world, a farmer stands bewildered over the acreage and homestead he lost in a flood and a mother weeps incessantly for a child taken away too soon.

Life can be difficult and at times shamefully cruel. How do we defend the existence of a loving and merciful God in the light of such suffering and tragedy?



Perhaps it is best to first establish just where suffering and sin originated. To do this, we must go back to the very beginning.

1 What event occurred in Revelation 12:7?

"And war broke out in _____

2 Who was it that daringly challenged the Most High God?

Revelation 12:9

"that serpent of old, called the _____ and _____."

You may question where the devil came from—wasn't everything God created perfect and wholesome? According to Scripture God didn't create the devil, He created a perfect angel who somehow changed into a wicked one.

3 How is the angel Lucifer characterized in Ezekiel 28:14?

"You were the _____ ... you were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you."

Lucifer was a perfect creation of the hand of God; beautiful, intelligent, and favored enough by God to guard His very throne. But something transformed this perfect angel of God into the very embodiment of all that is evil and vile. Isaiah 14:13, 14 reveals that at some point in the distant past, Lucifer began to covet the position of God "I will be like the Most High." His pride grew into open rebellion against God and led to "war in heaven." Lucifer, the light bearer, had become Satan, God's adversary. God grieved over the rebellion of this angel whom He loved, as a parent grieves over a rebellious child.

The fact that God allowed Lucifer to rebel demonstrates the high value He places on the freedom of His creation. But once Lucifer rebelled, why did God not destroy him immediately and prevent the enormous suffering that has resulted? If God had eliminated Lucifer at the first signs of his rebellion, or even after his rebellion had progressed to anarchy, the other inhabitants of the universe would have served Him thereafter out of fear—"We'd better not make any mistakes or God will zap us, too!"

God does not desire from His creation a forced, dutiful obedience based on fear. He wants only honest and open relationships based on love and trust. He therefore allowed Satan to demonstrate results of his rebellion and progress to full maturity.

The scriptures tell us that when God created the earth, He granted Adam and Eve the freedom to choose whom they would love and follow. In the Garden of Eden at the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, God allowed Adam and Eve to demonstrate their loyalty and love for Him. He gave clear instructions as to the results of rebellion should they decide that following His way was not for their best happiness. But of that tree God instructed, "you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:16, 17). The warning is clear – to cut themselves off from the Source of life would result in woeful natural consequences, the cessation of their very lives.

4 What did Satan, in the form of a serpent, say to Adam and Eve to entice them to join his rebellion against God?

Genesis 3:4-5

"You will _____ _____. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be _____, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

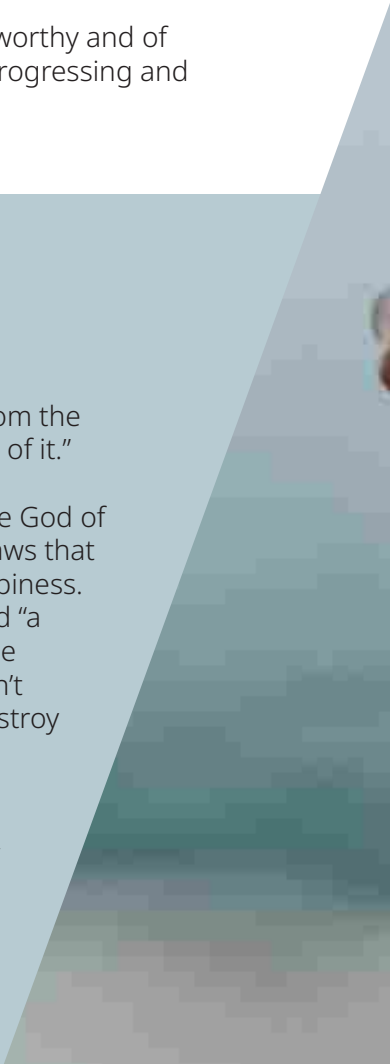
Satan accused God of being untrustworthy and of trying to prevent Adam and Eve from progressing and finding ultimate happiness.

5 What did Jesus call Satan?

John 8:44

"He (the devil) was a _____ from the beginning . . . he is a liar and the father of it."

Satan continues even today to accuse God of being untrustworthy and of giving us laws that prevent us from experiencing true happiness. But Jesus warns that Satan is "a liar" and "a murderer from the beginning." When he rebelled against God in heaven, he didn't simply challenge God, he wanted to destroy Him so he could take God's place and exercise God's authority. Satan tempts us with forbidden "happiness," but he only wants to enslave us and ultimately destroy us. Sin that was brought to this earth by Satan is the root of all the suffering and tragedy around us.





6 How has God responded to sin and suffering?

Matthew 1:21, 23

"She will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name _____, for He will save His people from their sins.... and they shall call His name_____ , which is translated, _____ _____ _____."

Isaiah 63:9

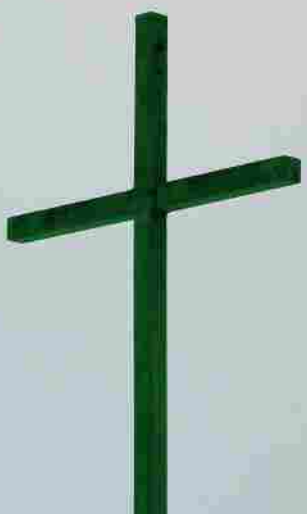
"In all their affliction He was _____..."

God hasn't remained aloof from the suffering. By letting Satan's rebellion progress to maturity, the tragic results of Satan's deceptions were fully exposed. In all our affliction, God too is afflicted. Through Jesus, God Himself came to be "with us." He lived with us, suffered with us, and ultimately gave His life for us so "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

7 What was one purpose of Christ's death on the cross?

Hebrews 2:14

"through death He might _____him who had the power of _____, that is, the _____."



Based on Jesus' sacrifice for us, what gift does God freely offer to all who put their trust in Him?

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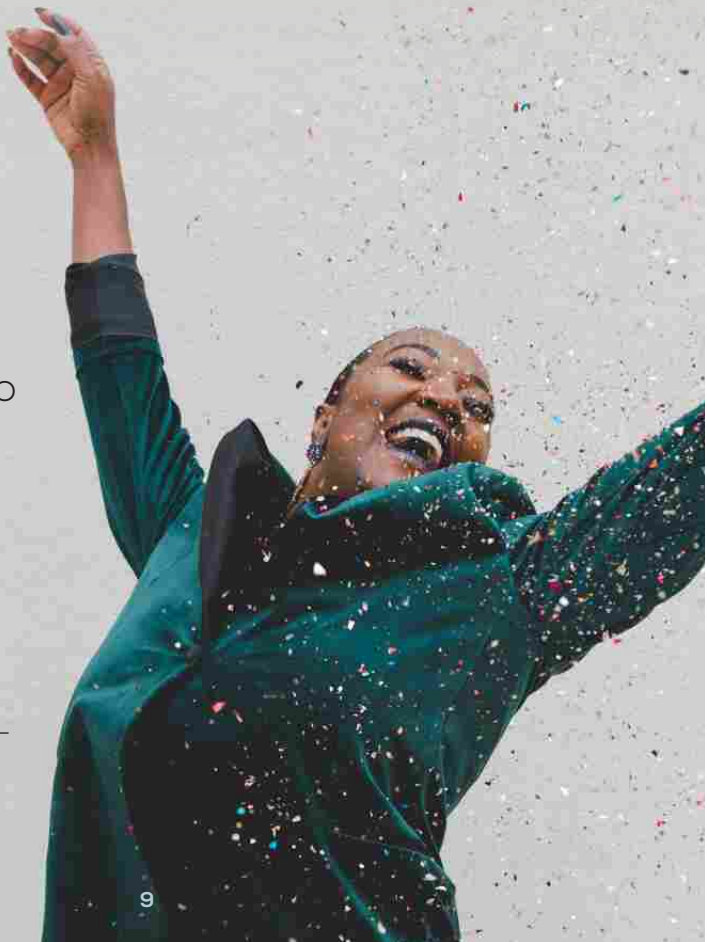
Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is _____ _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord."

What a wonderful gift from our loving God! Even though we may have turned on Him, even though we may have rebelled against Him, He offers the gift of eternal life through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His only Son, to all who put their trust in Him.



YOUR CALL

Would you like to accept this gift from your God who loves you unconditionally and eternally?

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GUIDE 3

Why did past civilisations fall?



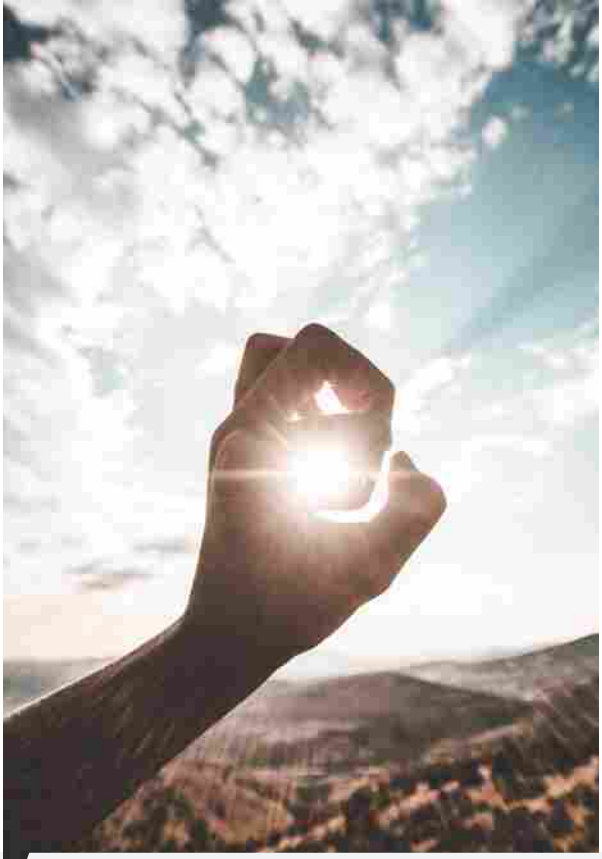


Is the next millennium a time of **glorious hope** or does it signal

IMPENDING DESPAIR?

Evident in today's society are suggestions that we are fast approaching what could be the cataclysmic close of human civilization. Global pandemics, socioeconomic uncertainties coupled with a discernible moral decline give us cause to contemplate what the future holds. Are we to expect a time of glorious hope, or do current events signal impending despair?

Sir Arnold Toynbee, in his famed analysis of the rise and fall of world civilization: A Study of History, outlines six unmistakable evidences for the disintegration and collapse of a world civilization: Civilizations committing a "cultural suicide" and self-destructing; escape from reality and the retreat into thrill seeking; a sense of helplessness and powerlessness; self-loathing and guilt; a sense of promiscuity; and disregard for morality and lawlessness is particularly prevalent. It is because of this lawlessness that our society is in a rapid decline.



While historians may predict a gloomy future, the Bible presents a ray of hope conveyed by an angel streaking through the heavens.

1 What message does the angel carry?

Revelation 14:6

"The I saw another _____ flying in the midst of heaven, having the _____ to preach to those who dwell on the earth, to _____, _____, _____. Tongue, and _____."

"Gospel" literally means good news. So here we learn that the angel flying mid-air has good news for every inhabitant of the earth.

2 Is there any more to this universal worldwide message?

Revelation 14:7

"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the _____ of his _____ has _____; and worship _____ who made heaven and _____, the _____ and springs of water."

God sent this angel to alert us to the judgment hour with a message for the last generation, calling us back to a relationship with the One who made it all in the first place.

3 Could this be an antidote for Toynbee's six indicators as we notice a parallel admonition?

Ecclesiastes 12:13

"Fear God and _____ His _____, for this is man's _____."

4 As lawlessness runs rampant, the Bible gives a prescription for lasting happiness. What does it prescribe?

Proverbs 29:18

"But _____ is he who _____ the _____."



5 What is the foundation of any lasting relationship?

John 14:15

"If you _____ me..."

Concern, respect, and love make up the framework of lasting relationships.



6 How then do we demonstrate our love for God?

John 14:15

"_____ you _____ Me, _____ My _____."

The Bible is our own personal guide to living a fulfilled and contented life. God gave us the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20, not just as a moral code to follow, but as a guide to achieving a full life.

The first four commandments God gave us define, protect, and nurture our relationship with Him. The last six commandments define, protect, and nurture our relationships with other people. It's reassuring to know that because God loves us, He personally gives to us a set of guidelines to preserve our relationship with Him, and our relationships with other human beings?



Of course nobody has lived a life of perfect obedience. We do not have the innate ability to be without sin. The Bible tells us there is only one way of obedience; we are all sinners in need of a saviour.

7 God wants to establish a forever friendship with us. How do we become God's friend?

John 15:14

"You are my _____ if you do whatever I _____ you."

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who _____ My _____ and _____ in Him who sent Me has _____ life, and shall not come into _____ but has passed from death to life."

If every person on earth showed God they loved Him and walked in His ways by believing in Him and keeping His commandments, imagine how life in this world would be. No marriages would be broken, no one would lose their life at the hands of another, no one would be hurt by a lie, or violate another by taking their possessions. Could it be that the simple solution of of believing and following His commandments could remedy all that ails our world today?



In light of the fact that none of us has lived a life of perfect obedience, what is a major purpose of God's law?

Romans 3:20

... by the law is the _____ of sin."

Romans 7:7

"I would not have known _____ except through the law."

Galatians 3:24

"Therefore the law was our _____ to bring us to _____, that we might be _____ by _____."

The commandments help us to know that we are sinners in need of Jesus to save us and help us do what we are unable to do in our own power.

Why did God send His Son to earth?

1 John 3:5

"He was manifested to _____ _____ our _____."

How are we saved from our sins?

Ephesians 2:8

"For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that not of yourselves; it is the _____ of God."

How happy we can be to know that God sent His only Son to die for us and to take away our sins. Salvation is an incredible gift, not something we earn. We must simply accept God's gracious gift, solely through faith.

YOUR CALL

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GUIDE 4

Finding Personal Peace







Have you ever been

LOST?

What a horrendous feeling. You may also have recollections from childhood of being separated from your parents. For just an instant you wriggle free from your father's hand in a crowded department store, drawn to that magical toy that caught your eye—transfixed with it for a time. But when you turn back, you have lost sight of your dad. Your heart instantaneously sinks to the floor, like a rock falling to the bottom of the sea. Frantically you search around the store, running in circles until you finally collapse with a heartbroken sob. What an empty feeling! Then you sense it, that warm familiar touch on your shoulder that could only come from your father's hand. What an utterly hopeless feeling to be lost—but what a grand and marvellous feeling to be found!



1 How do we become separated from our Heavenly Father?

Isaiah 59:2

"But your _____ have _____you from your God; And your_____ have hidden _____ _____ from you."
Sin separates us from our God. We become lost in our relationship with Him as a result of our disobedience.

2 What do the Scriptures tell us about the soul that sins?

Ezekiel 18:20

"The soul who sins shall _____."

You couldn't get a more straightforward answer. The soul who sins shall die. Talk about bad news! And the news gets even worse.

3 Who in this world hasn't sinned?

Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the _____ of God."

Not only does the soul that sins die, but not one solitary person is free from sin. We have all sinned; we will all die. What good news lies in the midst of this devastating message? Let's first define sin.

4 What exactly is sin?

1 John 3:4

"Whoever commits sin also commits _____, and sin is _____ ."

Sin is anything that violates the law of God. And because our God is a relational God, sin is anything that violates our relationships with others and anything that ultimately violates our relationship with God. When we sin we reject God and the friendship He offers; we are cutting ourselves off from Him.

Despite our rejection, what does God do when we cut Him off? After Adam and Eve first sinned in the Garden of Eden they hid themselves from God.

5 What was God's reaction after His children hid from Him?

Genesis 3:9

"Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, _____ are _____ ?"

Even though Adam and Eve ran from God and hid themselves from Him, even though they damaged their relationship with their Heavenly Father by disobeying Him, He sought them out. He cried out to Adam "Where are you?" God longs to restore the relationship that we as sinners have destroyed by breaking His law. But if the result of sin is death, how then can God be true to Himself as a God of Law, and yet be true to His children as a God of Love

6 We are sinners in need of a saviour, someone to cleanse us from our sins and bring us back to the arms of God. How is this accomplished?

Ephesians 2:13

"But now in _____ _____ you who once were far off have been brought near by the _____ of _____."

Through the sacrifice of His only Son, God restores the relationships we have broken and offers salvation to us. The cross of Jesus offers us the greatest news there ever was: despite our shortcomings, regardless of our sinful nature, we can start anew through the blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.





7 What does the Bible promise to us if we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour?

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a _____; old things have _____ _____; behold all things have become _____."

Picture a Father giving up His only Son, so that others may live. Now picture the Son, arms stretched out on a rugged wooden cross, agonizing in the pain of a sinful world lying on His shoulders, knowing that only through His death could we have eternal life.

YOUR CALL

How do we respond to such love? Today would you accept the beautiful promise of a renewed life by accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?



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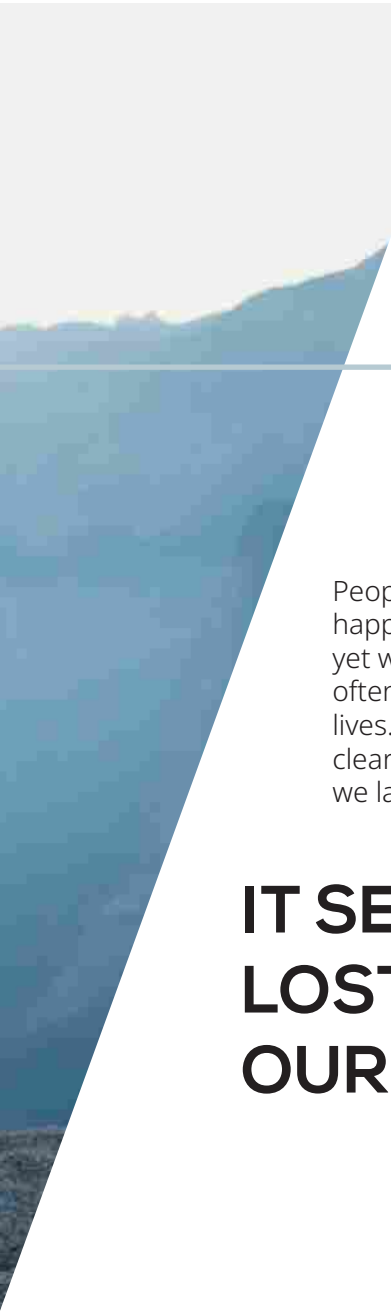
GUIDE 5

The Truth of the Spotted Leopard

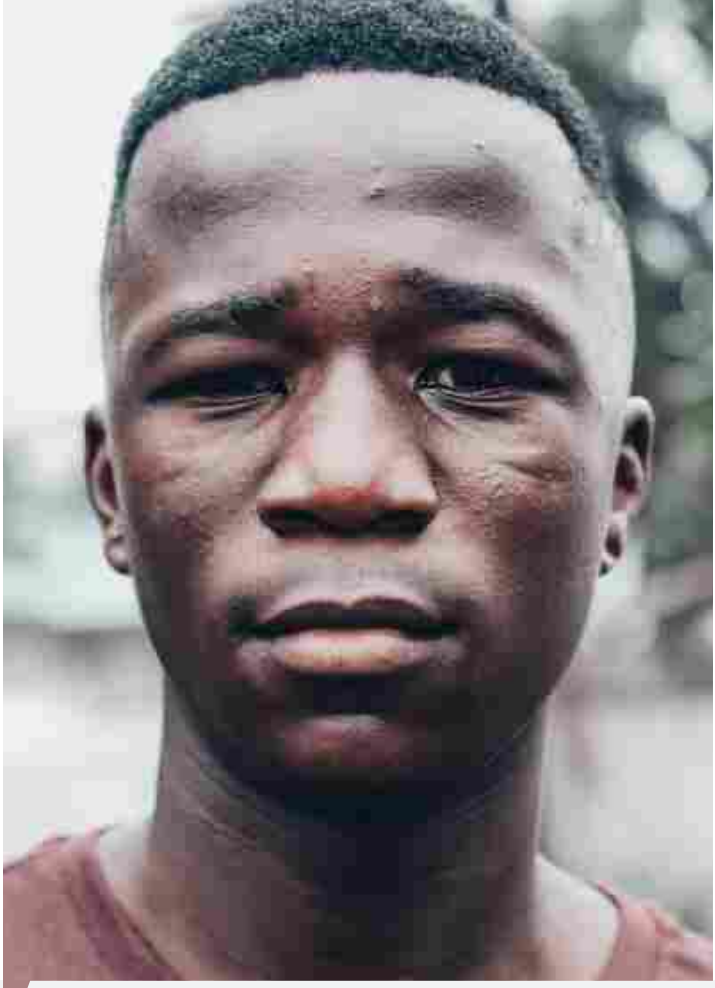






People offer advice on how to have happier, healthier, more prosperous lives, yet when we try to act on the advice, we often find it very difficult to apply to our lives. When that happens, we can see clearly that while we have good intentions we lack the ability to carry them out;

IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE LOST CONTROL OF OUR LIVES.

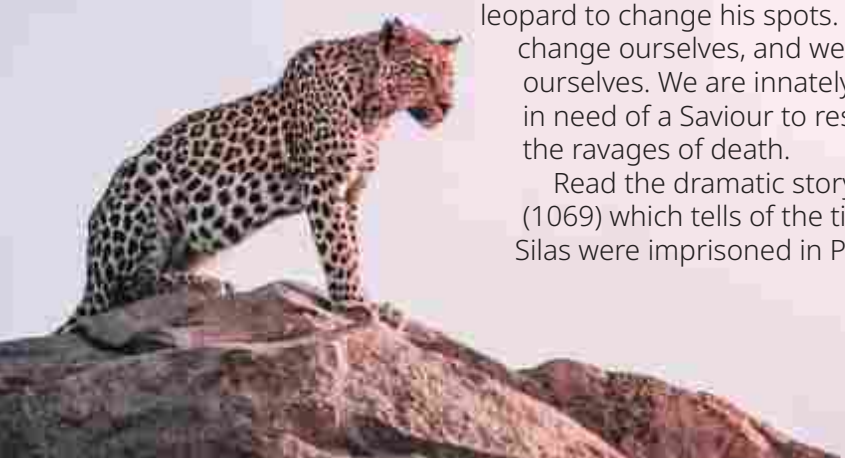


1 What does Jeremiah 13:23 tell us about our basic human nature?

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the _____ its _____? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do _____?

2 What does Romans 7:18, 19 reveal about our nature?

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing _____ dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to _____ what is _____ I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I _____ _____ _____; but the evil I will not to do, that I _____."



It is just as impossible for us to abstain from sin as it is for a leopard to change his spots. We cannot change ourselves, and we cannot save ourselves. We are innately sinful beings in need of a Saviour to rescue us from the ravages of death.

Read the dramatic story in Acts 16 (1069) which tells of the time Paul and Silas were imprisoned in Philippi.

3 What answer did Paul and Silas give to the jail keeper when he asked what he must do to be saved?

Acts 16:31

"_____ on the _____ _____ _____, and you will be _____."

The answer is simple: believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Can it be that easy? Just believing in Christ will save me? But, you may say, I've always believed that there was a Jesus. I just haven't exactly lived up to what I know is expected in the Bible.

4 What does it mean to believe?

James 2:19

"You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the believe—and _____!"

Even Satan himself believes in God, but that certainly hasn't saved O him. An intellectual belief alone cannot produce change. We must act on our beliefs or they become meaningless. Allister McGrath, a microbiologist/theologian at Oxford University illustrates it beautifully as he compares faith or belief to taking medicine. Supposing you are sick and your physician prescribes penicillin for you. You may accept that the penicillin exists and trust that it is capable of curing your ailment; but it won't do you a bit of good unless you act upon that trust and take the medicine.

When Paul answers the jailer in Acts 16 he is inviting him to enter into a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to accept Him as his own personal Saviour. He is asking him to trust in the promise that He gives as the only way out of a sinful and incomplete life.

5 What additional instruction does Peter give us about what we need to do in order to be saved?

Acts 2:38

" _____, and let every one of you be _____ in the name of _____ for the _____ of sins."

Here we are told we also need to repent and be baptised. Repentance is confessing and forsaking our sins. When we sin, we damage our relationships with our family, friends, and ultimately 5 with our Heavenly Father. We must admit that we have sinned and hurt others, and turn away from our old sinful habits.







6 When Jesus was asked what one must do to be saved, what did He answer?

Matthew 19:17

"If you want to enter into life, _____ the _____."

No one can be saved by commandment keeping, but people who have by faith accepted God's free gift of salvation, have repented of their sins and been baptized, will want to follow Jesus obediently.

7 What advice did Jesus give to this young man?

Matthew 19:21

"If you want to be perfect go _____ what you have _____ to the _____ and you will have _____; come _____ ____."



8 What promise does God give in 1 John 1:9?

" If we _____ our sins, He is faithful and just to _____ us our sins and to _____ us from all unrighteousness."

As we reach out to Him in faith, God promises to both forgive us and empower us to live obediently.
Because of God's great love for us, He wants to restore our broken relationship with Him by forgiving our sins and cleansing us from the unrighteousness that has tainted our hearts and lives.

YOUR CALL

Would you like to enter into a new life in Christ; a life that promises to do away with the old wrongdoings; and start fresh and new with your Saviour by your side?

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GUIDE 6

Darwin's Black Box





Have you ever pondered the marvelous **design** of the

HUMAN BODY?



The perfect harmony in which the eyes, ears, heart, lungs, and every intricate system in our body works together, is awe inspiring. Have you ever been astonished by the perfect balance of our earth's placement? If it were closer to, or further from the sun, climatic conditions would not permit the existence of life. Is our existence mere chance; the result gradual evolution over the span of billions of years? Or is our elaborate detail, and the detail of all that surrounds us, unmistakable evidence of the handiwork of a Master Designer?

Is it preposterous to say that life came about as a result of an epic explosion billions of years ago? The idea that inate matter gave birth to life is just too far fetched, yet evolutionists hold fast to that theory. Would they also conclude that the masterpieces found in the Louvre or the Guggenheim museums were the result of an explosion in a paint shop? Of course not, it would be absolutely absurd! Just as a masterpiece of art is the result of careful planning by the artist, so, too, the human being—a masterpiece of bio-engineering, is a result of far more meticulous planning by our masterful Creator—God.



Is our elaborate detail, and the detail of all that surrounds us, unmistakable evidence of the handiwork of a Master Designer?

1 How does the Bible explain the foundation of our existence?

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning _____ _____ the heavens and the earth."

A very simple text indeed, but how appropriate that the very first text in the Bible introduces us to God as the Master Planner of all that exists. God wastes no time. We are here because God, who exists outside of time, space and matter put us here. Every brilliant star in the sky, every delicate flower, every creature that roams the earth was designed by He who breathed the very life into our being.

2 From what source does Paul say we can gather evidences of a divine Creator?

Romans 1:19, 20

"because what may be known of God is _____ in them, for God has _____ it to them. For since the _____ of the world _____ _____ _____ them. For since the _____ of the world _____ _____ _____ are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are _____ even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without _____."

God makes it plain to us. From the creation of the world, God's eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen in all things so that we are without excuse: we can each know Him as our divine Creator. Every time we turn our head to gaze at the stars in the sky, or at the natural wonders of this earth, we see evidence of an intelligent master designer.

Charles Darwin, by far the most renowned evolutionist, acknowledged that his evolutionary theory would break down if it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly be formed by numerous, successive slight modifications. The human eye is one of many examples of a complex organ that would be useless if it were not totally and fully complete. The lens, the retina, the cornea, the rods and cones must all work collectively to be functional. In fact, the entire human body is composed of multiple interrelated systems that are dependent upon each other to carry out their various functions. An intelligent being had to have been behind the body's origin in order for it to function so effectively and efficiently.



3 How involved was God in the creation of humankind?

Genesis 1:27

"God _____ man in His own _____; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

We owe our very existence to the personal activity of God. God made us in His image, capable of having a personal relationship with Him and one another. This is why relationships mean so much to us and why, in the words of Augustine, "We are restless, 0 Lord, until we find our rest in Thee."



4 Was God alone in the creation of the earth?

John 1:1-3

"In the beginning was the_____ , and the Word was with_____ and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made _____ _____, and without Him _____ _____ that was made."



5 Who is the Word?

John 1:14

"And the Word became and _____ and _____ among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the _____ _____ of the Father, full of grace made, and truth."

God the eternal Son who became incarnate in Jesus Christ was a partner in the glorious creation of the earth. The Father's only begotten Son who came to dwell among us, and who later died in order that we may live, was actively involved in our creation. He wants to be our friend, and seeks our friendship in return.



6 What element is key in accepting God as our Creator?

Hebrews 11:3

"By_____ we understand that the _____ were framed by the _____ _____ _____."

Trust is essential in any relationship, including our relationship with God. "He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" Hebrews 11:6.

To believe in God and to have faith in Him is to believe that He is the divine Creator behind every marvelous wonder of the world. To reject the evidences of creation is to reject the very One who invites the human thinker to seek Him.

If we believe that God could design every intricate structure in our bodies, and every natural wonder that surrounds us, then He can also make sense of our chaotic and complex lives. He masterfully planned the heavens and the earth and skillfully designed plans for our lives. He and only He can pick up the shattered pieces of our lives and mend our broken hearts. Through Him, we can put our lives back on the right track and find the happiness for which we have been so desperately searching.

YOUR THOUGHTS

Please take a moment to list some things that give you evidence of an intelligent creator.



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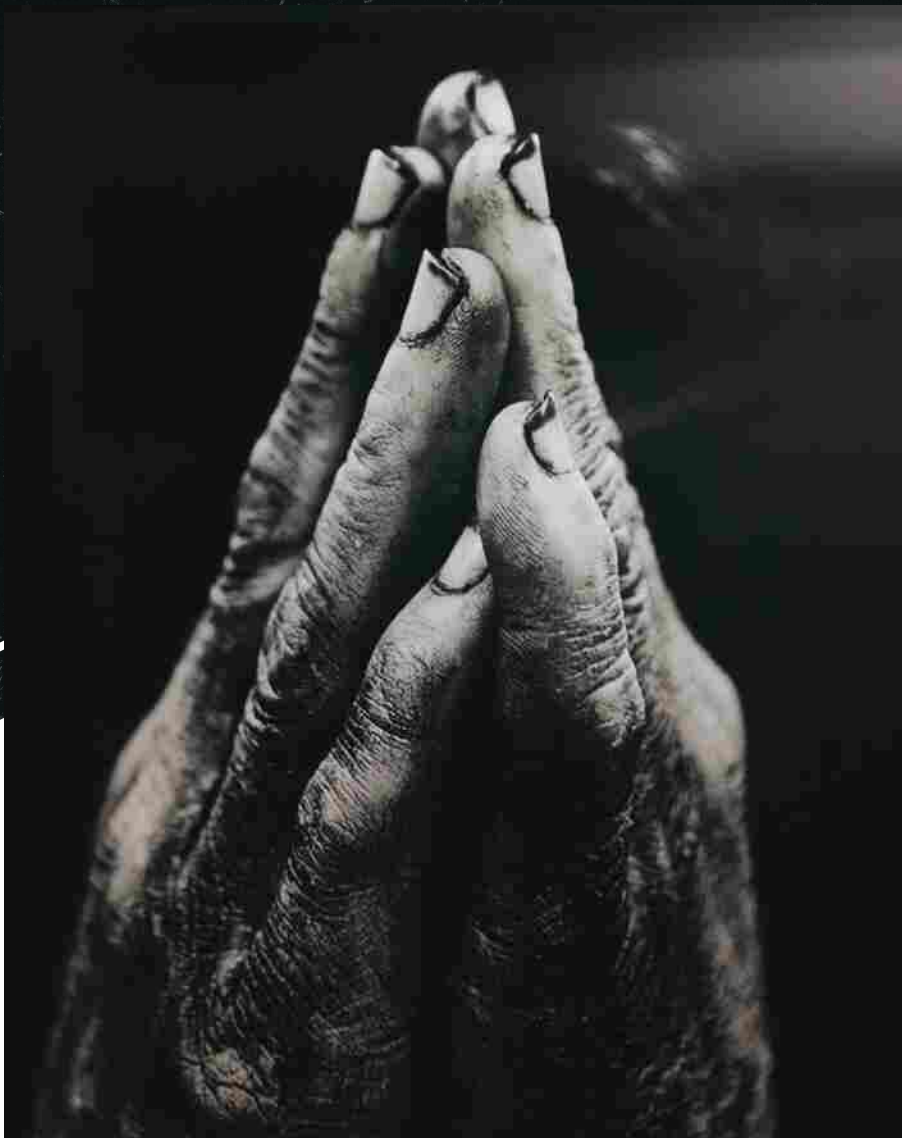
GUIDE 7

A Dying Queen's Last Prayer

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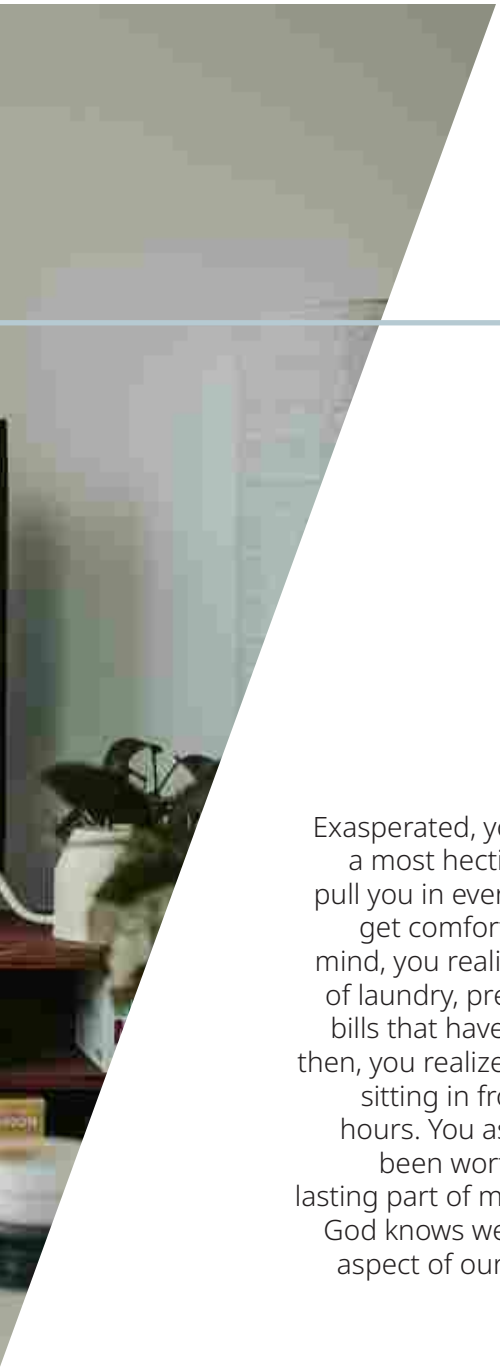


The scene is probably
not much different at

YOUR HOME

Exasperated, you sink into your lounge chair after a most hectic day. Work seemed to stretch and pull you in every possible direction. Just when you get comfortable and get a chance to rest your mind, you realize you must now conquer mounds of laundry, prepare dinner, and tackle that pile of bills that have been multiplying on the desk. Just then, you realize that your 6-year-old son has been sitting in front of the television for the last five hours. You ask yourself, "Has all of my busyness been worth it, when the most important and lasting part of my life is being raised by a TV sitter?" God knows we need time for the most important aspect of our lives, the building of relationships.



1 How does Jesus describe the gift of Sabbath rest in Mark 2:27?

"The _____was made for _____ and not man for the _____."

Please note that God didn't first create the Sabbath and then create man so He could spend the Sabbath with him. Instead, He first created man, and then He created a special day they could spend together in fellowship. Sabbath was the first day that God and man ever shared; it was a gift of celebration of His divine-human friendship. So He hallowed that day and asks us to set aside all of our other commitments and worries, and connect with Him. God gave us the gift of the Sabbath, not just as a time for physical rest, but also as a time for spiritual growth.

2 What "prescription" does God give to us as a remedy for our hectic lifestyle?

Exodus 20:8-10

" _____the _____ day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall _____ and do all your _____, but the _____ day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God."

We find the prescription right in the heart of God's Ten Commandments which, we remember, were designed to protect all of our relationships. God established a weekly cycle for humanity, with the seventh day of every week dedicated to protect and nurture our relationship with Him. Just as all of our relationships (marriage, friendship, parent/child, job-related relationships) need special time devoted to their development, so does our relationship with God.

Did you notice that of all the Ten Commandments, the Sabbath commandment is the only one God specifically asked us to remember? This is perhaps because He knew how easy it would be for us to forget to devote a time to physical and spiritual rest in all the hustle and bustle of our weekly routines. As a society enthralled with saving valuable time, it is ironic that we seem to have no time for the rest we are all "dying" for.

It's no wonder most of us are so overrun by tension and stress, we sometimes feel we are living inside a pressure cooker ready to explode at any moment. It is impossible to keep our nose to the grindstone constantly. We must take time to relax and rejuvenate ourselves, or something will eventually snap. That is precisely why God, in His infinite knowledge, has given us a precious gift of time at the end of every week to devote to our physical and spiritual renewal.

3 We are all creatures of habit, following certain personal customs daily and weekly. What was one of Jesus' personal customs?

Luke 4:16

"And as His custom was, He went into the _____ on the _____ _____."

Jesus Himself, God incarnate, celebrated the Sabbath day by worshiping in the synagogue. In fact, all the great saints and patriarchs of the Old Testament and all the great apostles and Christians in the New Testament were dedicated to celebrating the Sabbath as God's day.

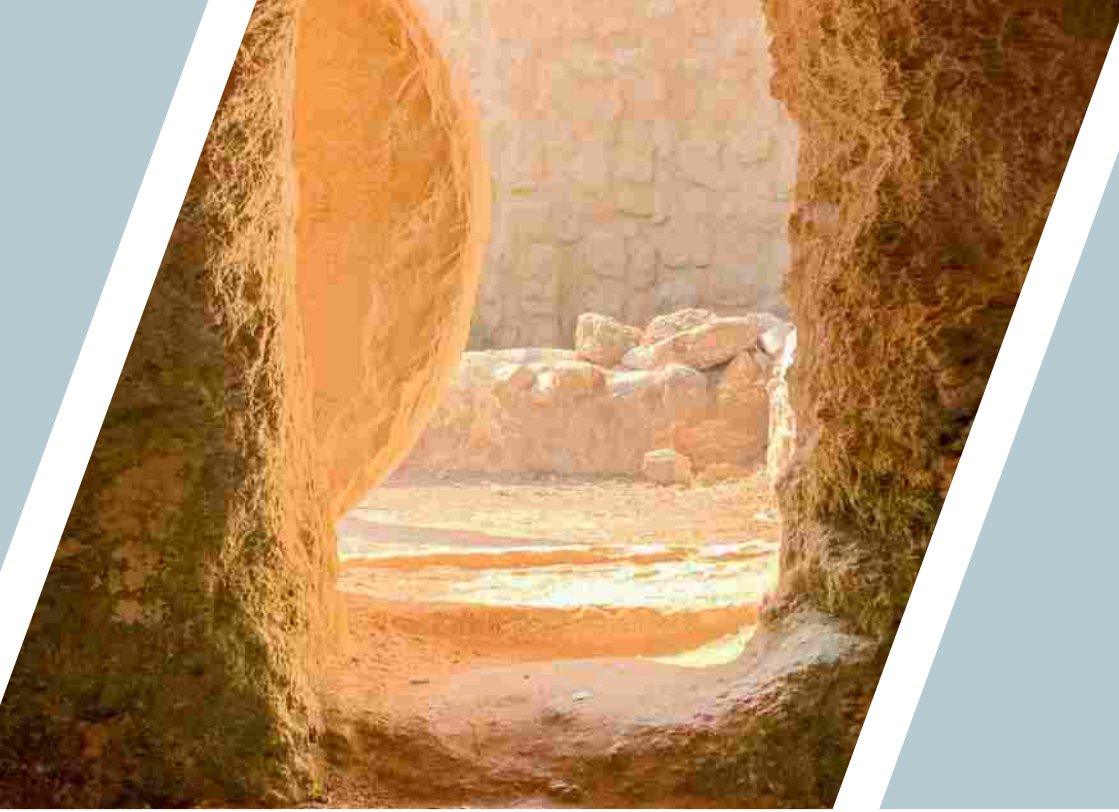
4 Even in His death, Jesus displayed the importance of Sabbath rest. On which day was Christ crucified?

Luke 23:54

"That day was the_____, and The_____ drew near."

Christ died on Friday. That day now is commonly referred to throughout the world as Good Friday.





5 On which day was Christ resurrected?

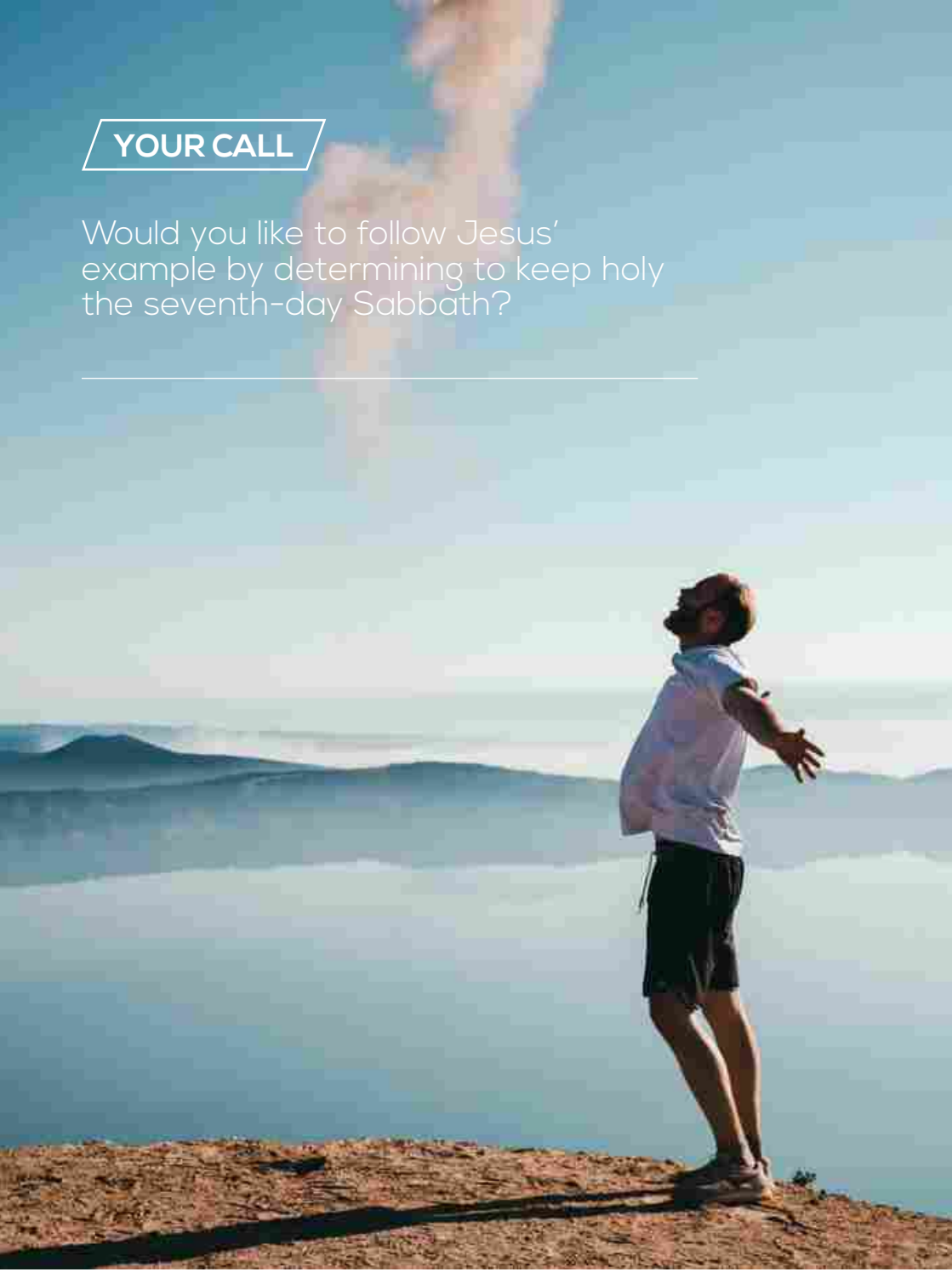
Luke 24:1-3 (1023)

"Now on the)_____ day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the _____ of the _____ _____."

It was on the first day of the week that Jesus arose from the tomb. Of course, we know this day to be celebrated around the world as Easter Sunday. Jesus rested in the tomb on "the Sabbath" day, Saturday, the day between His crucifixion on Friday ("the Preparation" day) and His resurrection on Sunday ("the first day of the week"). Jesus set a divine example for us, even in His death, on the importance of Sabbath rest.

YOUR CALL

Would you like to follow Jesus' example by determining to keep holy the seventh-day Sabbath?



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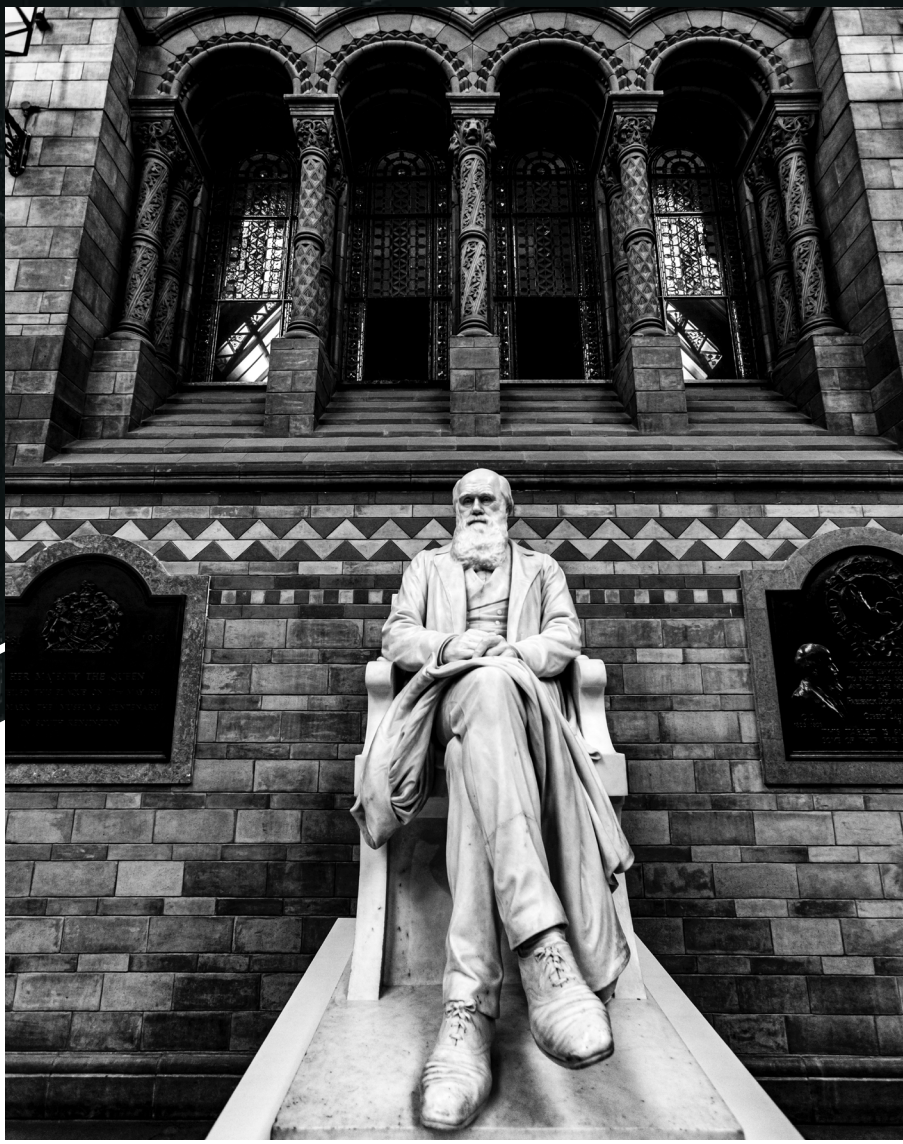
GUIDE 8

The One Secret Charles Darwin Forgot to Remember



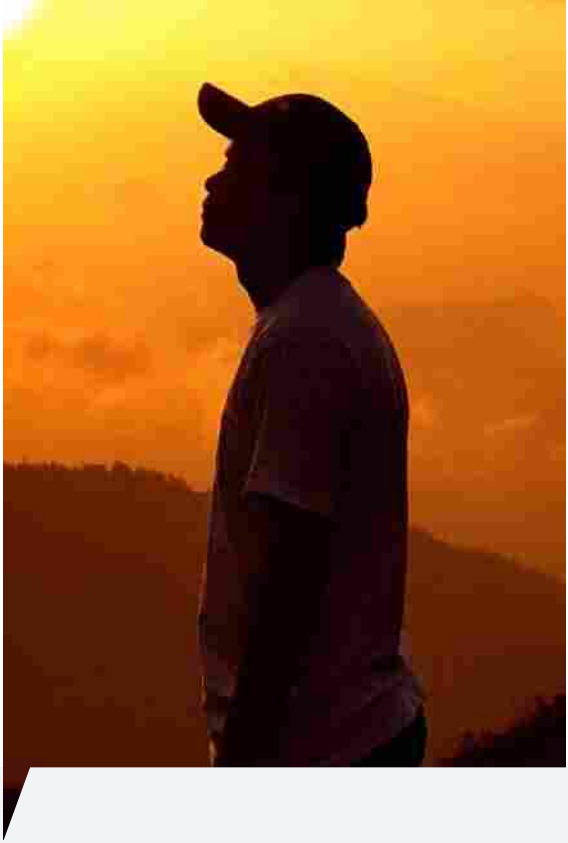


Astronomers and physicists around the world who act as official "time keepers" with all of their technological scientific instruments, can somehow ascertain that

WE HAVE NOT LOST A MOMENT IN TIME.

The measurements for the day, the month, and the year are all tied to precise astronomical cycles, which have been tracked throughout history. There is, however, no astronomical reason or logic behind one of the most commonly used measures of time, the week. Why then have almost all world cultures throughout history remained on this seven day weekly cycle? Of course, there have been cultures who experimented with altering the weekly cycle, such as the Greeks and the Romans and more recently the French, during their Revolution. Eventually, however, they all returned to the seven-day cycle, notably because the people and even the livestock could not function effectively without ceasing to work after six days.

Here we have a universal measurement of time that has no scientific explanation. Astronomers have no celestial cycle to tie to the seven day week, and historians and philosophers alike cannot explain its foundation. The most conclusive evidence we have in history for the observance of a seven-day week is the ancient Hebrew account of creation found in the biblical book of Genesis. Here we have an element that could prove the creation theory of origin. By the very fact that no one was present at creation to observe it, it is clear that all theories of origin must involve a measure of faith. Our faith in God and His Word can reaffirm our faith in creation. and His Word can reaffirm our faith in creation.



Our Faith in God Word can reaffirm our faith in creation.

1 What commandment do we find at the heart of the decalogue?

Exodus 20:8 (71)

"Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy."



Here at the heart of God's law, we find the truth about our origins. Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy, in commemoration of the Lord, your divine Creator. God, who created us, also created the seven-day week. He instructs us to do all our work in the first six days of the week. He gave the seventh-day Sabbath as a gift of time to be used for our physical and spiritual renewal. God always knows what is best for us, and at creation, He knew we could not function without this special time for rest and spiritual rejuvenation.

The seventh day was blessed and hallowed by God as the Sabbath, a special day on which we can draw closer to Him as our loving Creator. How, you may ask, do we know which day is the seventh day anymore? Some people assume that when we switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, we "lost track" of time. However, while 10 days were dropped from the calendar in 1582, the weekly cycle was not interrupted; Thursday, October 4, was followed by Friday, October 15. It is also interesting to note that in over 100 languages, the name for the seventh day still translates into "Sabbath". Our global calendars identify Saturday as the seventh day of the week, and even Webster's dictionary defines Saturday as "the seventh and last day of the week."

Why then is it that so many Christians choose to worship on Sunday, the first day of the week? The majority of Christians sincerely observe Sunday as a day of worship commemorating Christ's resurrection. It will be fair to observe, however, that there is no biblical basis found in either the Old or New Testament for a change in God's hallowed day.

2 What instruction regarding God's word are we given in Deuteronomy 4:2?

"You shall not _____ to the _____ which I _____ you, nor _____ from it, that you may keep the _____of the Lord your God which I command you."

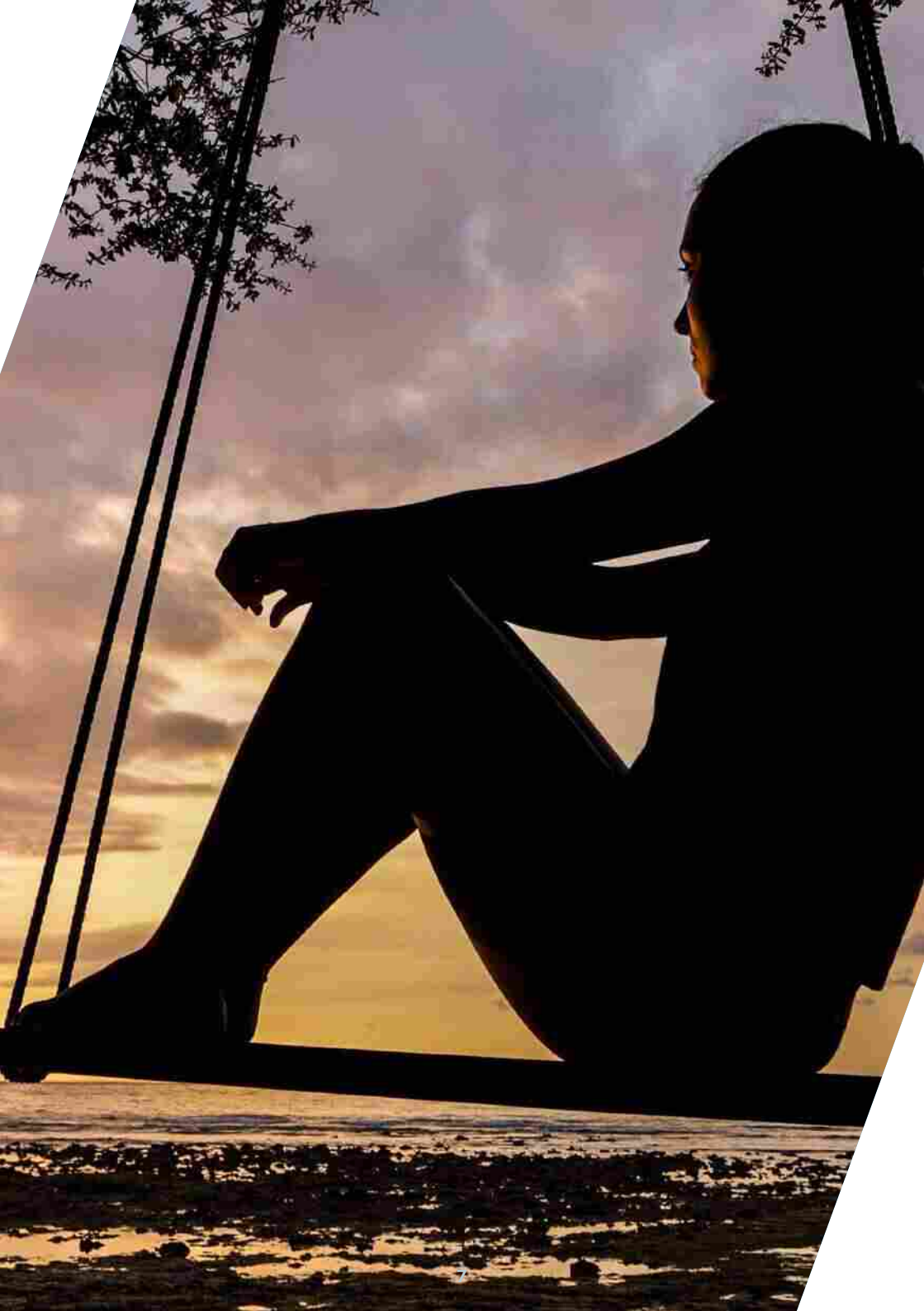
Here we find an Old Testament account of God personally instructing us not to alter His word or His commandments.

3 How does the New Testament tell us that Jesus faithfully honored the Sabbath day and kept it holy?

Luke 4:16

"And as His _____ _____ He went into the synagogue on the _____ _____ and stood up to read."







4 What does Acts 17:2 tell us was the custom of Paul?

"Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three _____ reasoned with them from the _____."

Paul held the same custom of Sabbath keeping as Jesus. It is important to note that this text records Sabbath keeping that took place after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. The Apostle Paul continued, as did the other New Testament Christians, to honor the seventh-day Sabbath as a commemoration to their Creator even after the death of Christ. Never did the New Testament church change their day of worship to the first day of the week as a memorial to His resurrection.

Some people question whether the day you worship God really makes a difference, as long as you devote one day in seven for that purpose. My friend, it makes all the difference in the world. God's eternal law of love, the Ten Commandments, specifically asks us to worship on the seventh day of the week, for that is the day He blessed and hallowed. It is not merely an invitation to remember one day in seven. Only the seventh day was chosen by God our Creator as a symbol of His eternal love and friendship to us.

5 What is the promise given by Jesus in John 15:10 (1044)?

"If you keep My_____, you will abide in My_____, just as I have _____ My Father's _____ and abide in His love."



YOUR CALL

Would you like to follow the example of Jesus by keeping our Heavenly Father's commandments, worshiping Him on the special day that He consecrated as the seventh day Sabbath?

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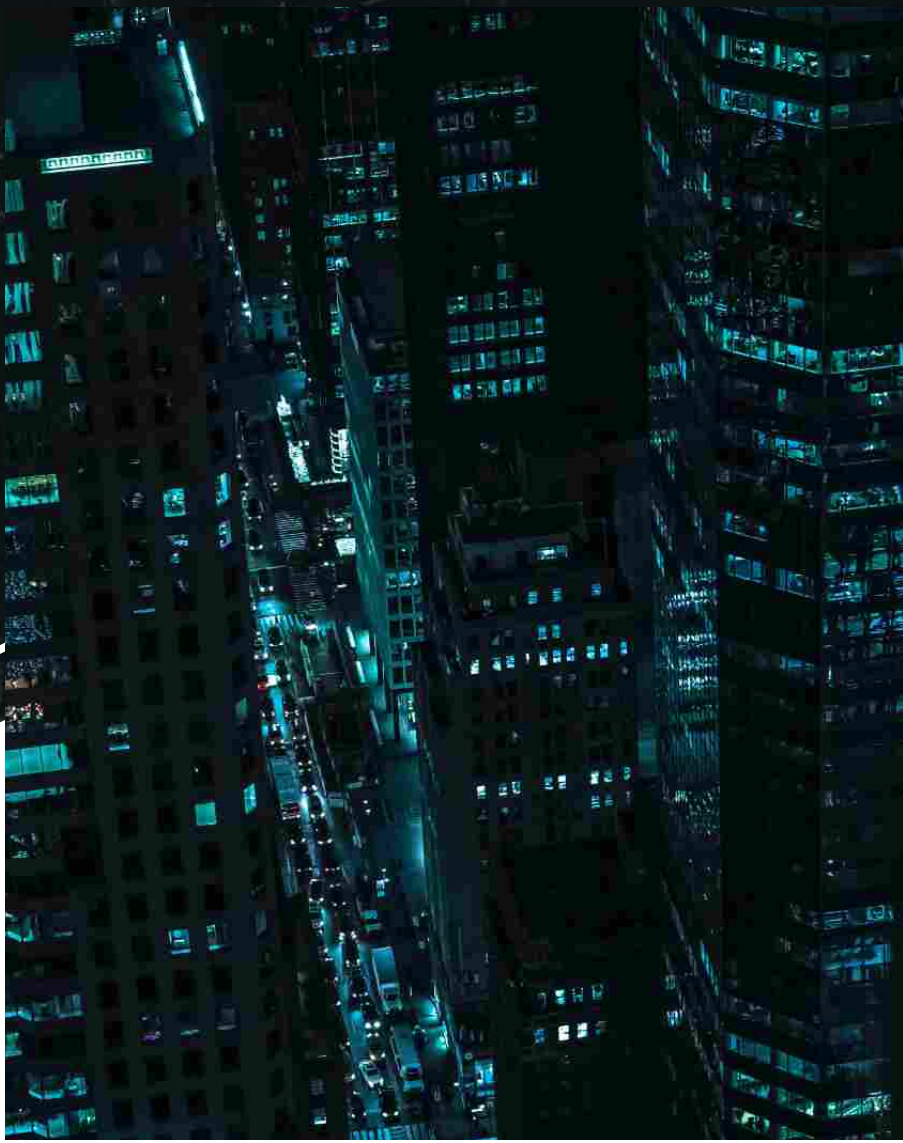
GUIDE 9

The Eleventh Scenario: A Contemporary Examination of How the World Will End







With the approach of every new day, many have questioned the **possibility of the world coming to an end.**

With the approach of every new day, many have questioned the possibility of the world coming to an end. How will civilization's grand finale be played out? Many have speculated on various scenarios for the Apocalypse, or the end of the world. A recent newspaper article from Sydney, Australia lists ten possible scenarios including nuclear/biological warfare, the threat of epidemics, depletion of the ozone later, oxygen depletion, destruction by asteroids, social disintegration/ethnic cleansing, destruction by religious extremism, genetic bioengineering, over population, and starvation through water depletion. Any way you look at it, it doesn't leave much to look forward to.

They made no mention, however, of an "eleventh" possible scenario: the only scenario that imparts hope. To many, the end of the world prompts only doom and despair, but to those knowing the blessed promise of their Friend and Saviour, Jesus Christ, it becomes the anticipation and realisation of their greatest hope.



1

What promise does Jesus make on the eve of His execution?

John 14:2, 3

"In My Father's _____ are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to _____ a place for _____. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will _____ _____ and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Here Jesus, knowing He will be crucified in a matter of hours, focuses His heart and thoughts not on Himself, but on the men and women of earth who will become His followers. Revealed here is arguably one of the most beautiful promises found in Scripture—the promise that Jesus Christ will come back to earth to take His friends home to live with Him forever and ever!

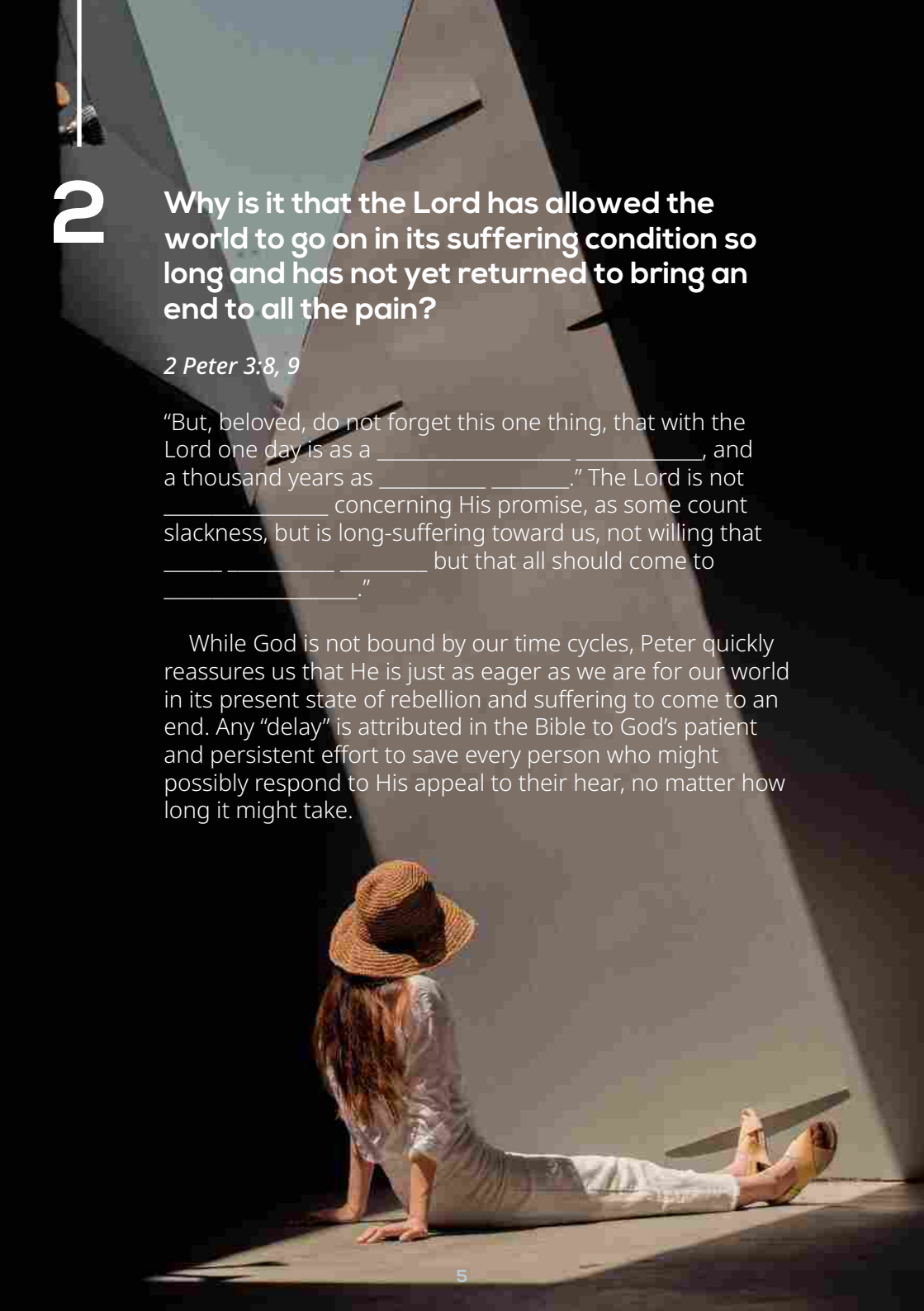
There are, in fact, over 1,500 references to the return of Christ in the Bible, 318 in the New Testament alone! That is one in every five verses in the New Testament. Likewise in the Old Testament, for every prophecy of His first coming, there are eight prophecies predicting His second coming. Over and over again throughout the Scriptures, God keeps reminding us He has not forgotten His children here on earth. Jesus will come again to deliver us from all of our suffering and sorrow. Jesus return is the only scenario of how the world will end that we can look forward to with eager anticipation.

2 Why is it that the Lord has allowed the world to go on in its suffering condition so long and has not yet returned to bring an end to all the pain?

2 Peter 3:8, 9

"But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a _____ _____, and a thousand years as _____ _____." The Lord is not _____ concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that _____ _____ _____ but that all should come to _____."

While God is not bound by our time cycles, Peter quickly reassures us that He is just as eager as we are for our world in its present state of rebellion and suffering to come to an end. Any "delay" is attributed in the Bible to God's patient and persistent effort to save every person who might possibly respond to His appeal to their hear, no matter how long it might take.





3 How does Peter tell us the world will end?

2 Peter 3:10

"But the _____ of the _____ will come as a _____ in the night, in which the heaven's will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the _____ and the _____ that are in it will be _____ up."

Make no mistake, Peter warns us, time will run out because God will not wait forever for us to make our choice of whom to follow. The world will come to an end, and the day of the Lord, which is the return of Jesus Christ, will precipitate that cataclysmic ending.

Some individuals have misconstrued the reference to a thief in the night as a reference to Christ returning secretly. The Bible, however, makes crystal clear that there will be nothing secret or hidden about the return of Christ to earth. The thief-in-the-night metaphor is intended to describe the unexpectedness of Christ's return for most of this planet. Thieves are not necessarily silent when they break into a house, but they are nearly always unexpected. Christ's unexpected return will undoubtedly catch many human beings totally unprepared.

4 How does Jesus Himself reiterate the point that He will not come secretly?

Matthew 24:26, 27

"Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' _____ _____ go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not _____ it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the _____ of the _____ _____ _____ be."

Clearly, nobody will be sleeping through the Second Coming of Christ. There will be nothing secretive about it.

5 How does Paul describe the Second Coming of Christ in Titus 2:13?

"Looking for the _____ _____ and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."

6 What is the blessed hope we can look forward to when the world ends with the Second Coming of Christ?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

"For the _____ _____ will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the _____ in Christ will first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be _____ _____ together with them in the clouds to _____ _____ _____ in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."

There we have it, the essence of the promise of Christ's return. The friends of God and Jesus are going to be resurrected at the end of the world, and they will be caught up together with those still alive in Christ for the greatest family reunion there will ever be; and united we will all ascend with Christ to heaven, never to part again!



YOUR CALL

Friend, do you want to take part in that great reunion of family and friends that will commence at the Second Coming of Christ?

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GUIDE 10

Learning How to Forecast the Future: How Close Are We to the End?




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and a great battle is being fought. A formidable display of weaponry is in action, and the enemy is in retreat. The family sits at home with fear in their hearts. Yet, at the same time, they have a tremendous sense of hope. The war is coming to an end. Loved ones will soon be home and reunited.

In the spiritual sense, it looks like a war is being fought in the world, but the signs of the end in this case are only the precursors of a grand reunion that will take place when Jesus returns.

Like many Bible prophecies that foretell the condition of the world at the end of time, the one in Matthew 24 deserves careful examination.



Here Jesus predicts rampand and extensive religious deception.

1 What signs does Jesus predict will occur in the religious world during the end time?

Matthew 24:5

"For many will come in _____ _____, saying, '_____am the _____ and will _____ many."

Jesus predicts a rampant and extensive religious deception. How true it is today. A proliferation of religious cults is now spanning the globe. The self-proclaimed messiah, David Koresh, the mass suicide of Heaven's Gate followers, the Unification Church following the Reverend Sun Moon as their messiah—the world is being virtually inundated by a variety of religious cults and bizarre messianic figures.

2 What does Jesus say will be the state of the political world at the end time?

Matthew 24:6, 7

"And you will hear of _____ and of _____ of _____. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must _____ _____ _____, but the end is not yet. For _____ will rise against_____, and _____against _____."

In Ukraine, Iran, Ireland, Indonesia, Korea, Cambodia, Haiti, Somalia, Sudan, and Rwanda, to name a few, war and unrest are rampant. Even in traditionally peaceful countries Canada and America, there's been recent political unrest and the threat of separation. Of course, wars have scarred nations throughout history, but their frequency today is rapidly on

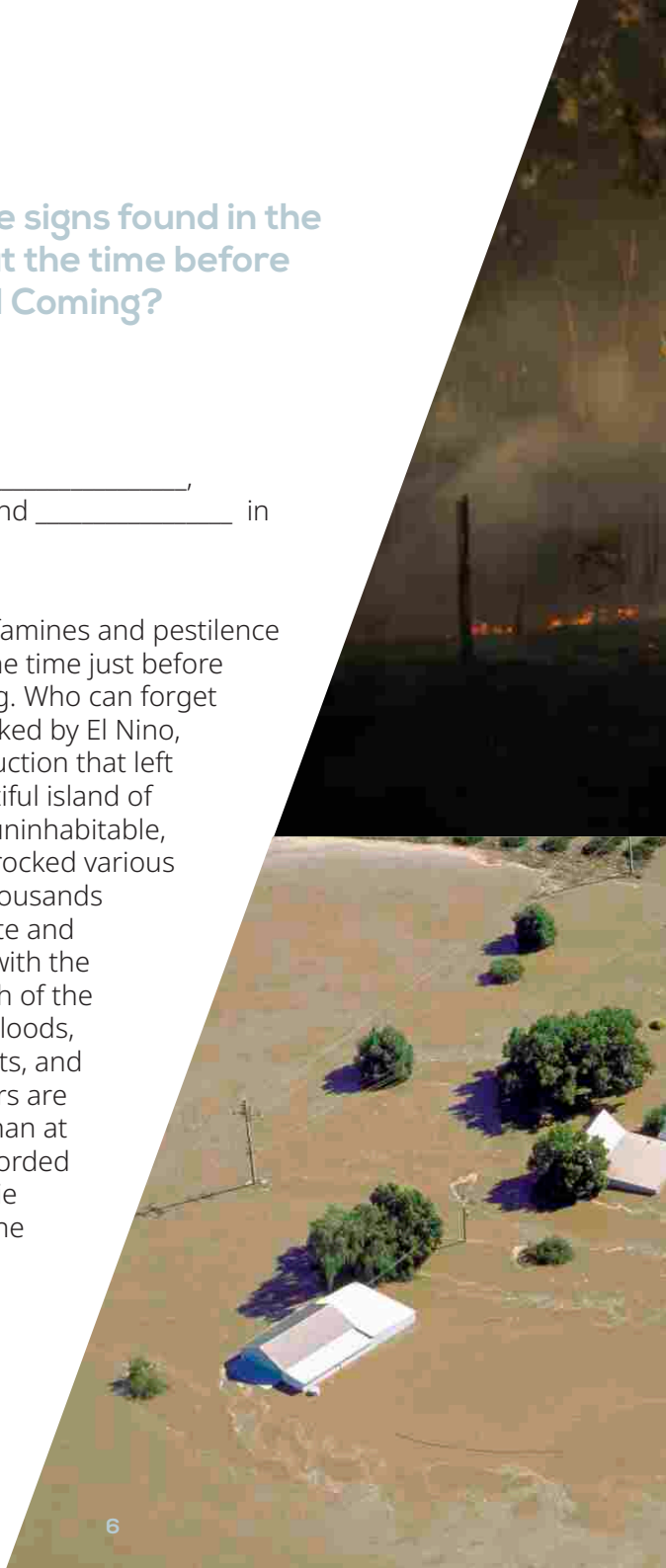


3 What will be the signs found in the natural world at the time before Christ's Second Coming?

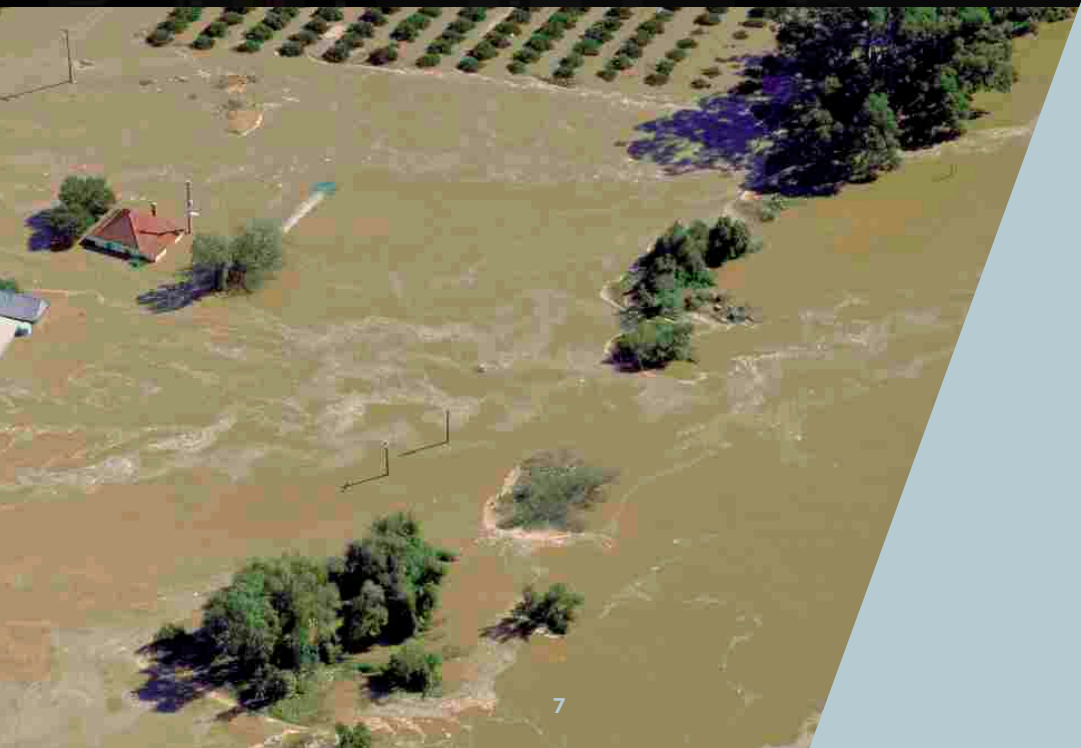
Matthew 24:7

"And there will be _____, _____, and _____ in various places."

Natural disasters, famines and pestilence will be prevalent at the time just before Jesus' Second Coming. Who can forget the devastation wreaked by El Nino, or the volcanic destruction that left portions of the beautiful island of Montserrat virtually uninhabitable, or earthquakes that rocked various countries, burying thousands in a graves of concrete and twisted metal along with the devastating aftermath of the ensuing Tsunami's.. Floods, earthquakes, droughts, and other natural disasters are more plentiful now than at any other time in recorded history. Thousands die every year from famine and disease. We are living in a time of ecological and biological crisis.







4 What signs will be seen in the social world near the end of time, according to Jesus?

Matthew 24:12

"And because _____ will _____ the _____ of many will grow _____."

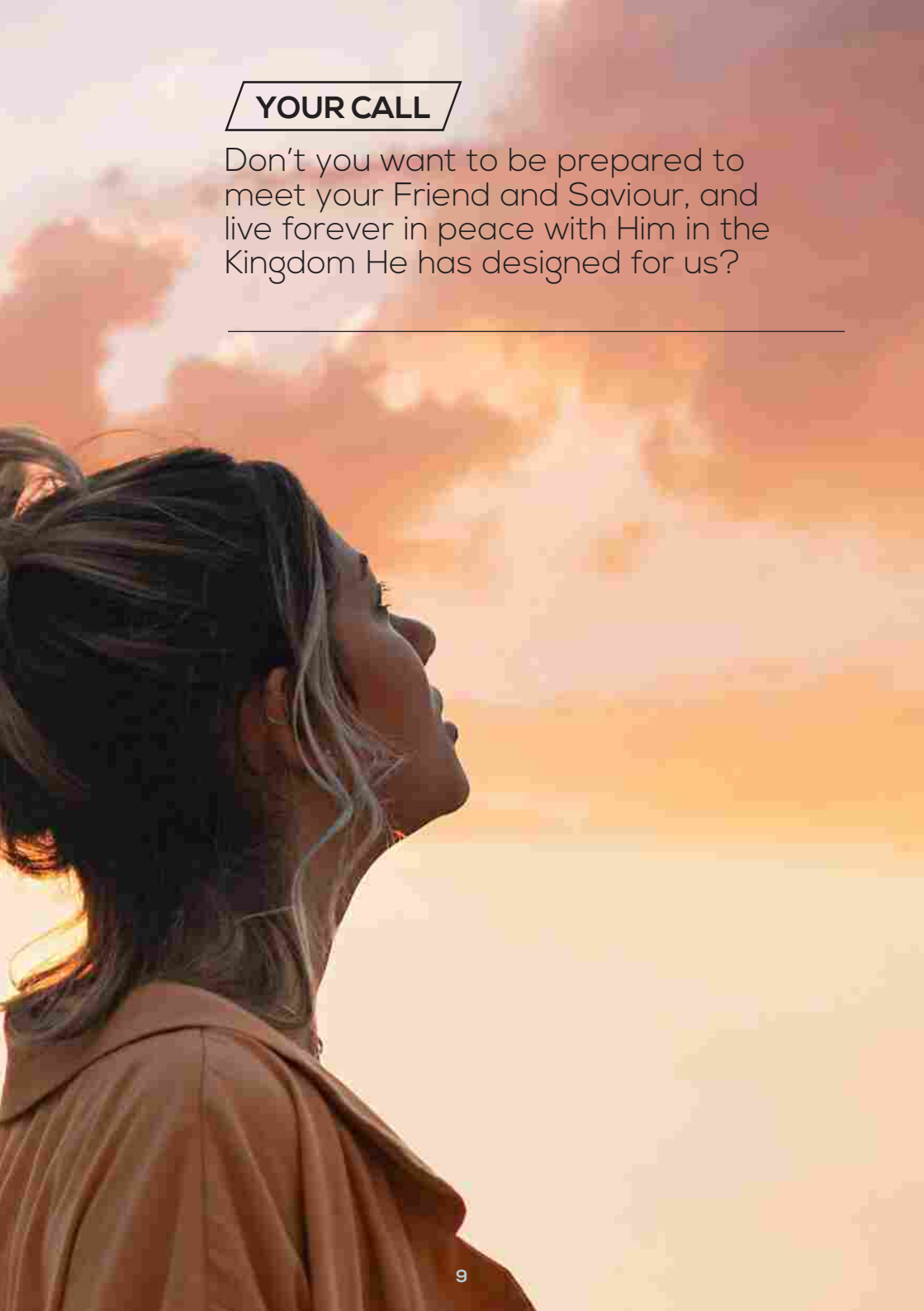
Jesus tells us that lawlessness will abound in the time just before the end. You don't have to search far to find examples of this in today's society. Violence rips at the heart of our inner cities, while gun-toting teenagers fire shots at their fellow classmates in suburban and rural America. Children in parts of Asia slave away in factories for scant wages or are forced into prostitution rings. Citizens of the world callously pillage and plunder through life with blatant disregard for society. Today, the moral human tops the list of our most endangered species. As a result, our society is perilously plummeting toward rock bottom. With great conviction we can say we are truly living in the end time.

5 What, then, do we need to do to be ready to meet Jesus when He comes to rescue us from this sinful world?

Mark 13:32, 33

"But of that day and hour no one not even the angels in heaven, nor the _____, Son, but only the Father. Take heed, _____ and _____, for you do not know when the time is."

Jesus instructs us to be always ready and watching for Him to return. We do not know exactly when the end will come, but He has assured us it will come. Believe Him, trust Him, obey Him, follow Him. Accept the friendship He so generously offers and you will be ready.



YOUR CALL

Don't you want to be prepared to meet your Friend and Saviour, and live forever in peace with Him in the Kingdom He has designed for us?

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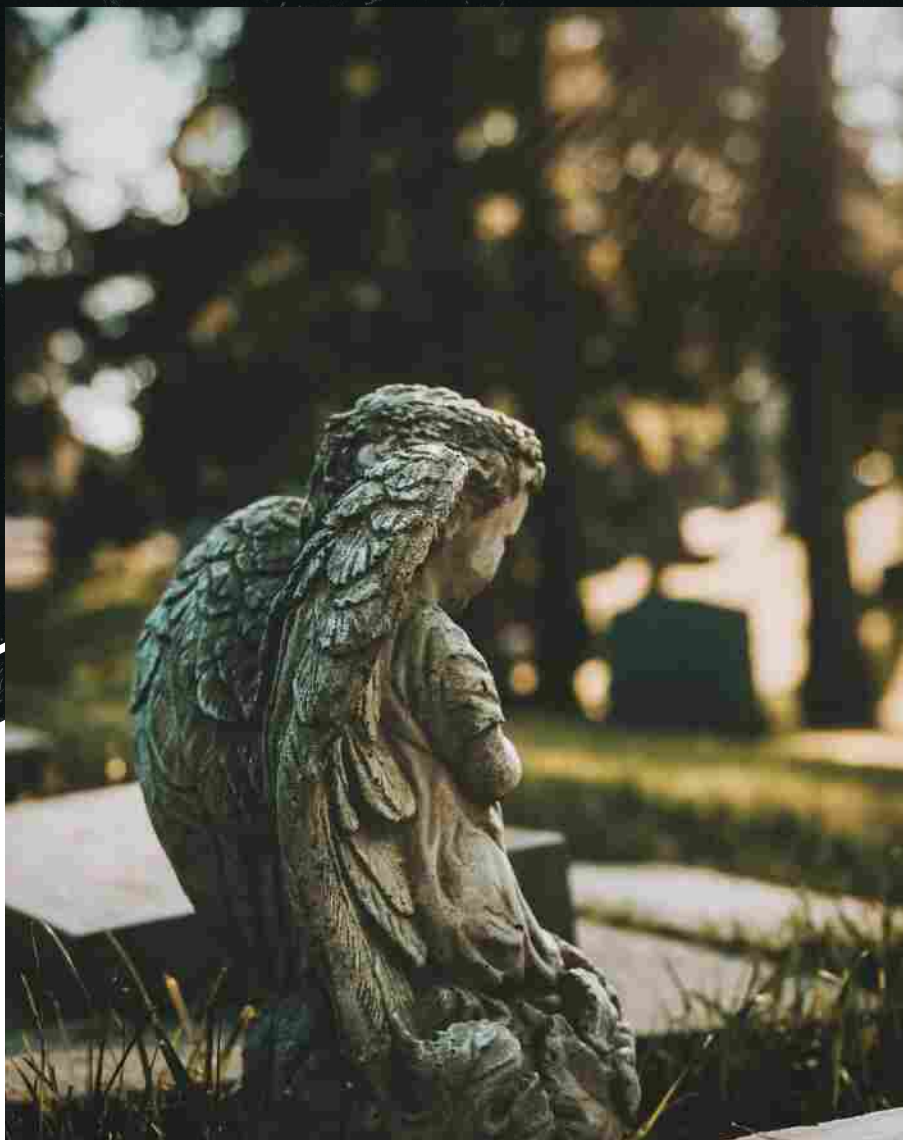
GUIDE 11

The Truth about Death



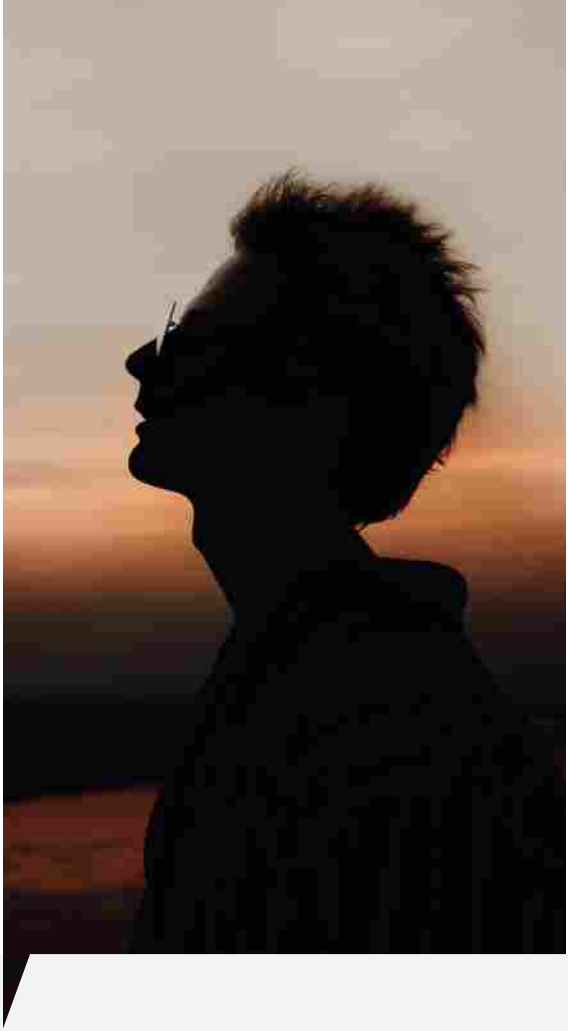




DEATH:

The Medieval English were fixated with it; Japanese Kamikaze pilots embraced it; ancient Egyptians honored and respected it as a great passage to the afterlife, however, many shudder at the very thought of it.

In a recent American poll, death was rated second on our list of greatest fears, falling in rank by a fraction only to public speaking (which for some of us is a perfectly logical order). While many of us will be able to skilfully dodge public speaking appointments, none will escape the chilling grasp of death. This leaves many comforted by the teaching that the soul is immortal and progresses to another stage of life immediately after death. Yet this popular belief is vastly contrary to the Biblical teachings of death.



Here we learn that the soul is a person, combined of two entities – the body plus the breath of life. Remove either component, and the person ceases to exist.

1 What is a soul?

Genesis 2:7

"And the Lord God formed man of the _____ of the ground, and _____ into his nostrils the _____ _____ _____; and man became a _____ _____." (KJV)

2 What happens to the spirit when a person dies?

Ecclesiastes 12:7

"Then the dust will return to the _____ as it _____ was, and the_____ will _____ to _____ who gave it."

Does this mean that our "soul" goes to be with God when we die? No, the Hebrew word for "spirit" simply refers to the breath of life, not the "soul." The "soul" is a combination of the body and the breath of life. Our breath of life goes back to God from whom it came, and the soul simply ceases to exist. This can easily be compared to turning off a light switch. When you flip the switch off, the light goes away because you cut off the electricity. Where then does the light go? Is it hidden in the base of the lamp? Does it go to a magical place for dearly departed. Why would Jesus come to resurrect the dead in Christ if they were forms of light? No, it simply ceases to exist. Just as the light ceases to exist when you remove the electricity from the bulb; so the soul ceases to exist when you remove the breath of life from the body.

3 What does the Bible say about the soul being immortal?

Ezekiel 18:20

"The _____ who_____ shall _____."

This text couldn't be more succinct. The soul, or person, who sins (and we all have sinned) shall die.

4 Doesn't it say somewhere in the Bible that God's people go to heaven when they die?

John 11:11-14

Jesus said, "'Our friend Lazarus _____,... Then His disciples said, 'Lord, if he _____ he will get well.' However, Jesus spoke of _____ _____... Then Jesus said to them plainly, 'Lazarus is _____.' "

Jesus, knowing Lazarus was dead, said to His disciples that Lazarus "sleeps." Why then, if God's people go to heaven when they die, didn't Jesus say that Lazarus was with His Father, or that he was in - heaven? Quite simply, because he was not. In fact, the teaching that people go to heaven upon their death extinguishes the very necessity of the resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ, a dominant teaching of the New Testament.



5 What will happen at the Second Coming of Christ?

1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the _____ in _____ will _____. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

Why would Jesus come to resurrect the dead in Christ if they were already abiding with Him in heaven? Close examination of the Scriptures reveals that the dead do not ascend to heaven upon their death (or go to hell, as the case may be), but rather they are in a state of complete unawareness. Thus the Bible equates death with sleep.



6 What does Ecclesiastes 9:5 tell us about the dead's state of mind?...

Ecclesiastes 9:5

" but the _____ know _____."



7 Will the dead be "watching" their loved ones who are still on earth?

Job 14:12, 21

"So man lies down and does not _____; till the heavens are no more, they will not _____ nor be _____ from their _____..... His sons come to honor, and he does _____ _____ it; they are brought low, and he does not _____it. "

Many people believe that their departed loved ones are watching over them, smiling at their accomplishments, or guiding them through their trials. But the Bible tells us that this is not true, that the dead are not aware of anything—similar to the way we are when we are asleep. And when you think about it, wouldn't it be miserable for someone who has departed to watch as their loved ones suffer through trials, heartaches; an agonizing disease or death? That would not be a loving God's idea of heaven. When a person dies, they will be in a state of sleep until that great day when they will awaken to the joyous sound of a clear-toned trumpet heralding the return of Christ the Lord.

6 What great hope is in the second coming of Christ for those who follow Him?

John 5:28, 29

"For the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will His voice and come forth— those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."

All we need to do in order to avoid eternal death is to accept, love, and obey Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and Friend who has conquered death. It is only through His death and resurrection that the gift of the resurrection of life to us is made possible. At this very time He is preparing a heavenly home for us in which, He promises, Revelation 21:4 (1189) "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."



YOUR CALL

Do you want to give your life to Him today?

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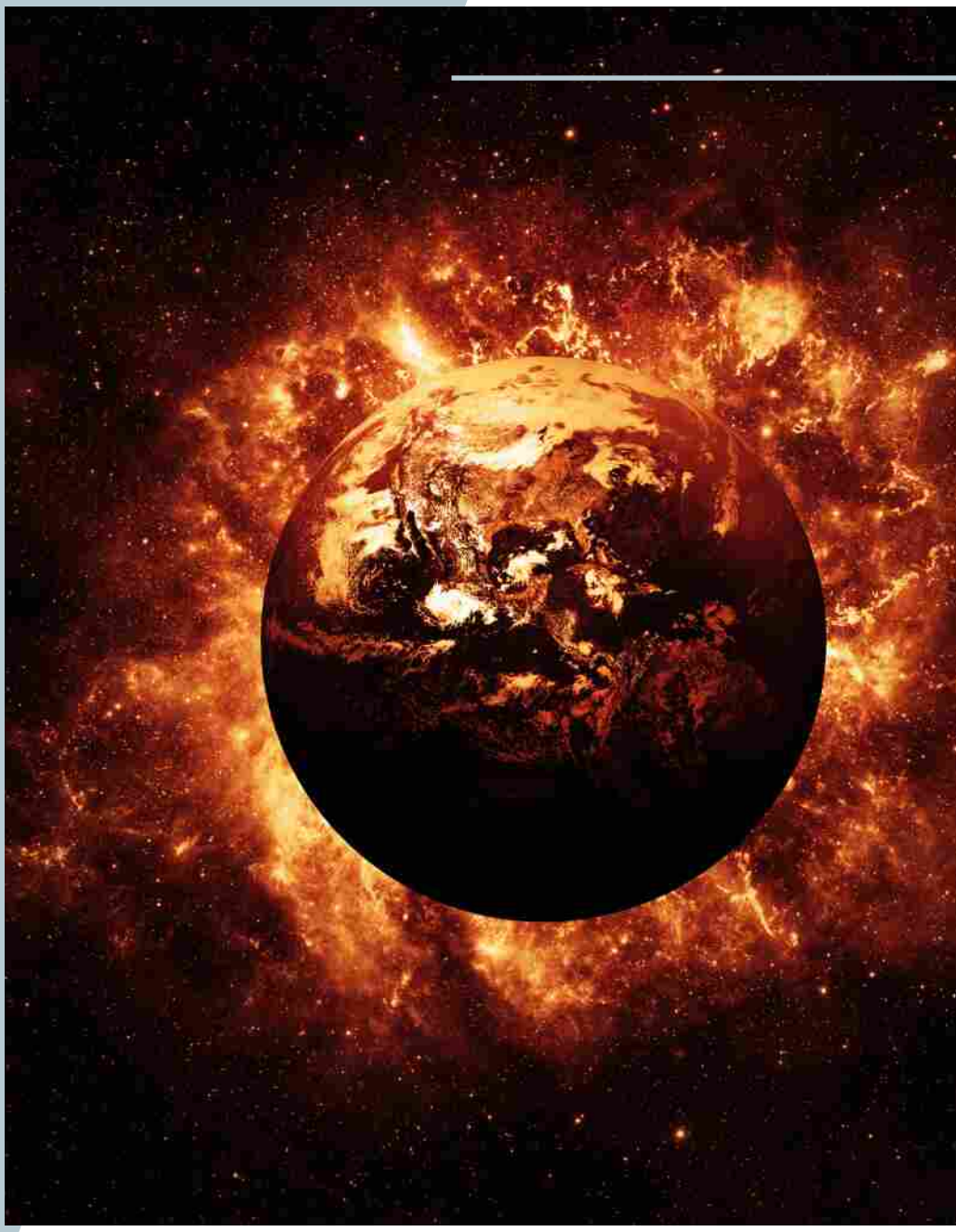
GUIDE 12

The Truth about Hell







"A new study reveals that **most people are getting their view of hell** not from the Bible, but **from a popular comic strip** created by Gary Larson 'The Far Side'.

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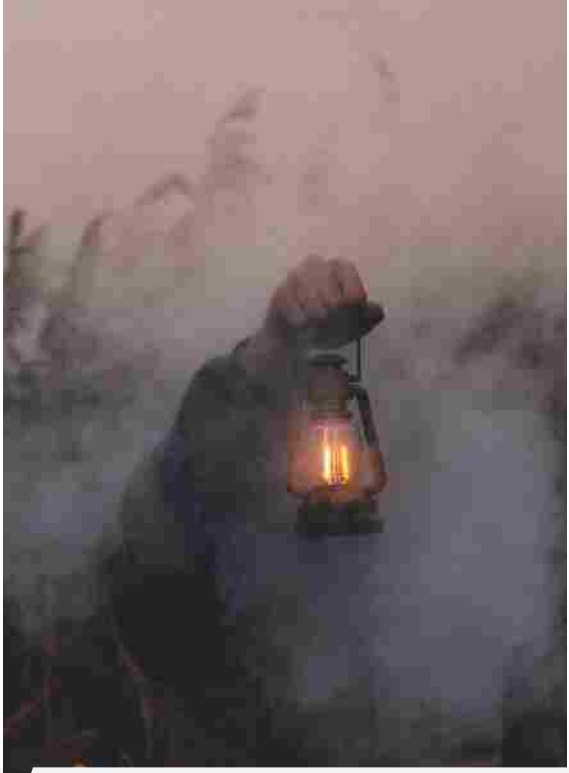
Mention of the word "Hell" typically conjures up images of the devil in the midst of a blazing inferno come to mind. There, the insufferable tormentor stands defiant, with pitchfork in hand and his head thrown back in maniacal laughter. He is delighting in the spectacle of those who are writhing in an inescapable fire; vulnerable men, women and children chained for eternity in that flaming pit we call hell. Does this conception mean that a tyrant God also takes pleasure in the incessant torture of those who do not follow Him? This portrait of hell certainly seems to paint Him in that light. Where then is the loving God who wants more than anything to establish a forever friendship with us? Can God simultaneously be a divine loving Father and a tyrannical king?



What then is hell, and what will be the ultimate consequences of rejecting God's free gift of salvation?

1 According to the Bible, what is the end result of a sinful life?

Romans 6:23

"For the of _____ sin is _____, but the gift of God is _____ _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord."



2 What will happen to the wicked?

Psalm 37:9, 10

"For evildoers shall be _____ _____; but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked shall be _____ _____;"

1 John 5:11, 12

"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the _____ has _____; he who does not have the Son of God does not have _____."

According to the Bible, ultimately "evildoers shall be cut off . . . the wicked shall be no more." Those who do "not have the Son," chose to cut themselves off from Jesus, the very source of life. The hard reality is they will be no more. Sin severs the connection with the source of life. God offers to all a life- giving friendship with Him through Jesus Christ. To choose our sins instead of our Saviour is to ultimately choose eternal death. Hell is that eternal-death ending to life.



3 When will the wicked receive the wages they have earned?

Matthew 13:40-42

"Therefore as the tares are gathered burned in the fire, so it will be at the _____ of this _____." The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that _____, and those who practice _____ , and will cast them into the _____ of _____."

This verse tells us that the wicked will not receive their wages until the end of the world, or at the final judgment. Therefore, no one is currently in hellfire today.

4 What is the purpose of the hellfire?

Psalm 37:20

"But the _____ shall _____; and the _____ of the Lord, like the splendor of the meadows, shall _____ . Into smoke they shall _____ away."

Revelation 20:14, 15

"_____ and _____ were cast into the _____ _____ _____. This is the second _____." And anyone not found written in the _____ _____ _____ was cast into the _____ _____ _____."

The purpose of hellfire is to cleanse the earth of sin corruption, pollution, suffering, and pain it has caused. All who refuse to accept God's free gift of salvation by trusting in Him, are refusing to accept His offer of life by repenting of their sins and refusing to accept His cleansing from sin through obedience to Him. They will suffer the same ultimate fate as the sin they refused to give up and be eternally separated from God in death, never again to exist.



5 What is the "fire" that destroys eternally at the end of time?

Hebrews 12:29

"Our is a consuming _____."

Isaiah 10:17

"The Light of Israel (God) will be for a fire, and his _____ _____ for a _____...

Isaiah 33:14, 15

'Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with _____ _____?" He who walks righteously and speaks _____..."

The glory and love of God which will eternally sustain the lives of those who are in a trusting, loving, obedient relationship with Him will at the same time be a "consuming fire" to those who refuse that relationship.

6 Will the unrepentant suffer forever in this "fire"?

2 Thessalonians 1:9

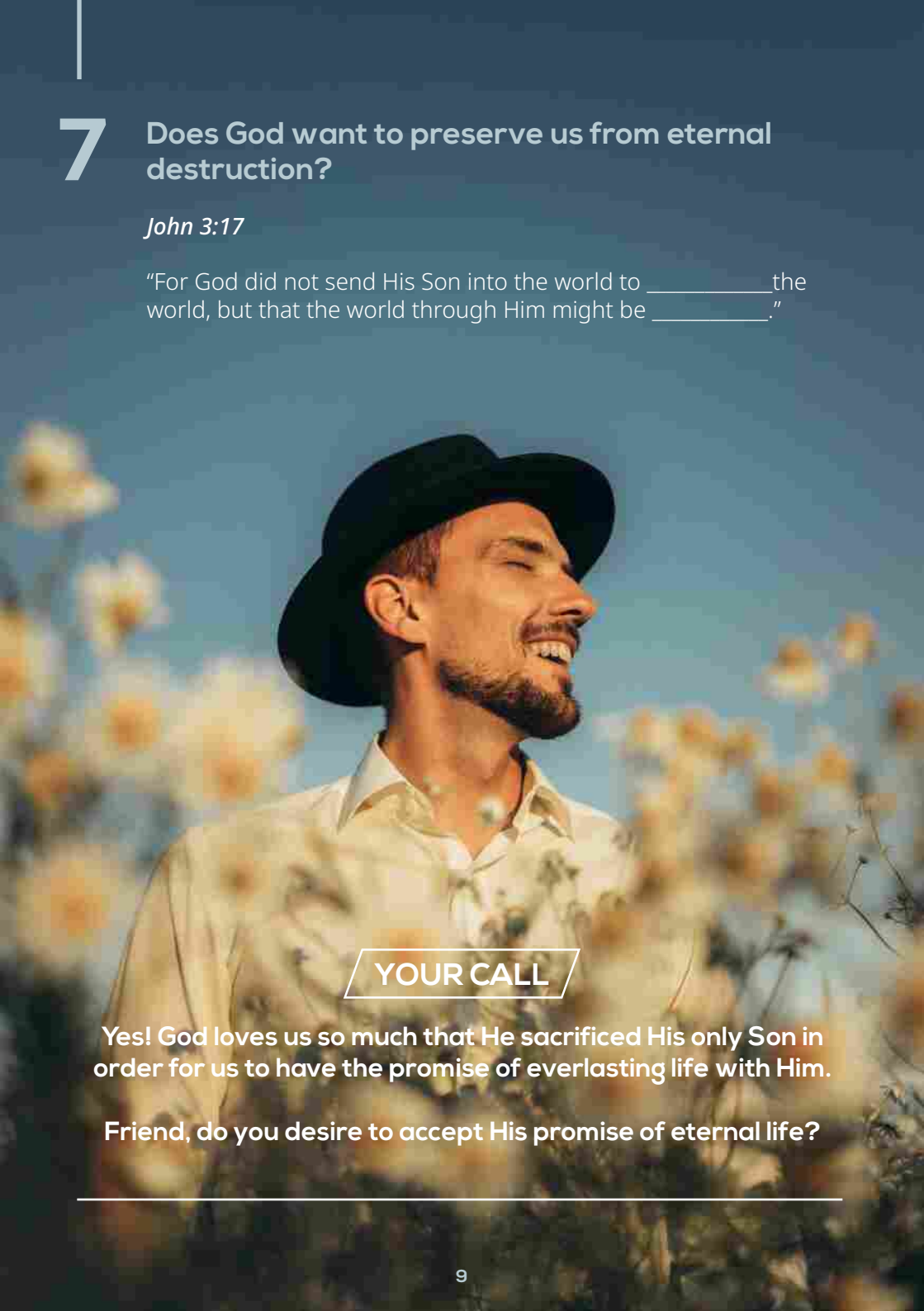
"These shall be punished with _____ _____ from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

Please note carefully that this text does not say the unrepentant will suffer eternal torment. It says they will succumb to everlasting destruction. While some texts do mention "eternal fire," Jude 7 clarifies by stating that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed with eternal fire. Does this mean that those cities continue to burn today? Of course not, but the result of the destruction will remain forever. My friends, hell is not about fire, but about the ultimate severance from our Father, the life-giver.

7 Does God want to preserve us from eternal destruction?

John 3:17

"For God did not send His Son into the world to _____the world, but that the world through Him might be _____."



YOUR CALL

Yes! God loves us so much that He sacrificed His only Son in order for us to have the promise of everlasting life with Him.

Friend, do you desire to accept His promise of eternal life?

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GUIDE 13

Your Date in Court







Have you ever experienced a moment in time when you felt that your **"mask"** had fallen off, and people could see right through you – even dark little secrets that are hidden so well?

Just think if, at that moment, you had felt the reassurance of a friend who, in the midst of your most embarrassing moment, said these words: "It's ok. No matter what, I'll always be your friend, and we can work on it together."

This study presents a beautiful picture of Jesus, your all-sufficient heavenly high priest and defender in the judgment. Never should the final judgment of the world be studied without keeping this picture of Jesus as your "ever-present Saviour" in mind.



1

What wise advice does King Solomon give regarding how we should live our lives?

Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: _____ _____ and keep His _____, , for this is man's all. For God will bring _____ _____ into _____, including every secret thing, whether good or evil."

Wise King Solomon counsels us to pursue God with a passion, for He is the One before Whom we will each stand in final judgment. Take note that there is a judgment being convened by God for the entire human race.

2

How will you be judged?

Matthew 12:36, 37

"But I say to you that for _____ _____ _____ men may _____, they will give _____ of it in the day of judgment. For by your _____ "you will be justified, and by your _____ you will be condemned."

The evidence presented in the judgment courtroom for each of us will be the incontrovertible records of our own lives, our words, and our works.



3 In what form are the records of our lives kept?

Daniel 7:10

"Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the _____ were opened."

Heaven keeps accurate documentation of our lives in "books." God wants us to be assured that an infallible, indelible record is kept on every human life on this planet. Wouldn't we want it that way to set the record straight?

4 Is just being a Christian enough to save me?

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to Me, '_____ _____ ,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who _____ _____ _____ of My Father in heaven."

A mere profession of Christianity will save no one. Faith and obedience is always the hallmark of genuine relationship with Jesus.

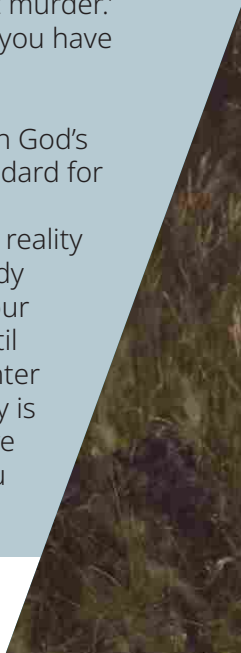
5 By what standard shall the record of our lives be judged?

James 2:12, 10, 11

"So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the_____ _____ _____." For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, 'Do not commit adultery,' also said, 'Do not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law."

The "law of liberty" James speaks of is none other than God's eternal law of the Ten Commandments; the judicial standard for all.

What adds a great note of urgency to this topic is the reality that this judgment in the heavenly courtroom has already commenced. We are in this great and final judgment hour now. You may say "I thought there was no judgment until we die; that our record books will be closed when we enter into the sleep of death. Keep in mind that not everybody is going to die before Christ returns. There will be an entire civilization alive and well, when Jesus returns, just as you and I are today.







6 When does judgment occur?

Revelation 22:12

"And behold, I am quickly, and My _____ is with Me, to give to every one _____ to his _____."

The judgment will be complete when Jesus returns. For how can Christ return with His rewards (the final verdicts) if the judgment doesn't happen until He gets here? There will be no final announcement of the coming judgment, it will simply happen without our knowing it is taking place. Which is exactly what Jesus was trying to tell us when He compared this end-time generation with the last generation before the flood in Noah's day (see Matthew 24:36-39)

7 Who will act as our "defense attorney" and our judge in the final judgment?

1 John

"... And if anyone sins, we have an _____ with the Father, _____ _____ the righteous."

John 5:22

"The Father judges no one, but has committed all _____ to the _____."

Here we have the best possible news of the judgment: when the defender is also your judge, it is impossible to lose the case if He has your case.



YOUR CALL

Have you turned your case over to Him? You can't defend yourself—they'll throw the book at you. So why not invite the One who wrote the Book, paid the penalty, sacrificed His life, and poured out His love for you, to be your Defender and Judge?

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GUIDE 14

How to Tip the Scales in Your Favor and Beat Your Audit







FROM
HIEROGLYPHICS
CARVED ON
CAVE WALLS,
TO BOOKS,
TO HI-TECH
COMPACT DISCS,

we humans have been keepers of all kinds of records—historical, weather, academic, sports, etc. According to the Bible, God also keeps meticulous records. But to what purpose? The answer to that question opens up a breathtaking Biblical truth.



1 How thoroughly does God remember the record of our lives?

Isaiah 49:15-16

"See, I have _____ you on the _____ of My _____; your walls are continually before Me."

Just as the nail-scarred hands of Jesus are a reminder of the Price He paid for each of us, God has our lives inscribed on the very palms of His hands.

2 What method does God use to track the records of our lives?

Daniel 7:10

"The _____ was seated, and the _____were opened."

This Bible reveals that books will be used as sources for evidence in the final judgment. However, if God stores within His heart the record of every tear, and every triumph, certainly the heavenly books of record are not for His benefit, not to prompt His heart or jog His memory.



3 For whose benefit then are these heavenly books of record?

Daniel 7:10

"... _____ ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand _____ _____ _____."

Could it be that the information contained in these books are for the benefit of the other inhabitants of the universe who are present in the deliberations of the final judgment?



4 Is the salvation of humans the only issue involved in the judgment?

Daniel 7:25

"He shall _____ pompous words _____ the _____ _____."

God has an enemy who speaks great words against Him and accuses Him of committing crimes against His creation. Anticipating the day when God would allow Himself to be tried for such accusations against Him, the apostle Paul prayed in confident expectation, "that You [God] may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged" (Romans 3.4). And when Revelation 14:7 refers to "the hour of His judgment, " it may be envisioning dual judicial proceedings—of one God is the judge, and in the other God is the defendant—the hour of His judgment. Only a God who loved His creation deeply and wanted every question answered and every possible basis for doubt resolved would submit Himself to be tried before His own creation.

5 What specific charges does Satan make against God?

Genesis 2:16, 17

"And the LORD _____ _____ the man (Adam), '... of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you _____ _____ _____, for in the day that you eat of it you shall _____ _____."

Genesis 3:4, 5

"Then the _____ said to the woman, you will _____ surely die. For God does know that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will _____ _____ _____, knowing good and evil."

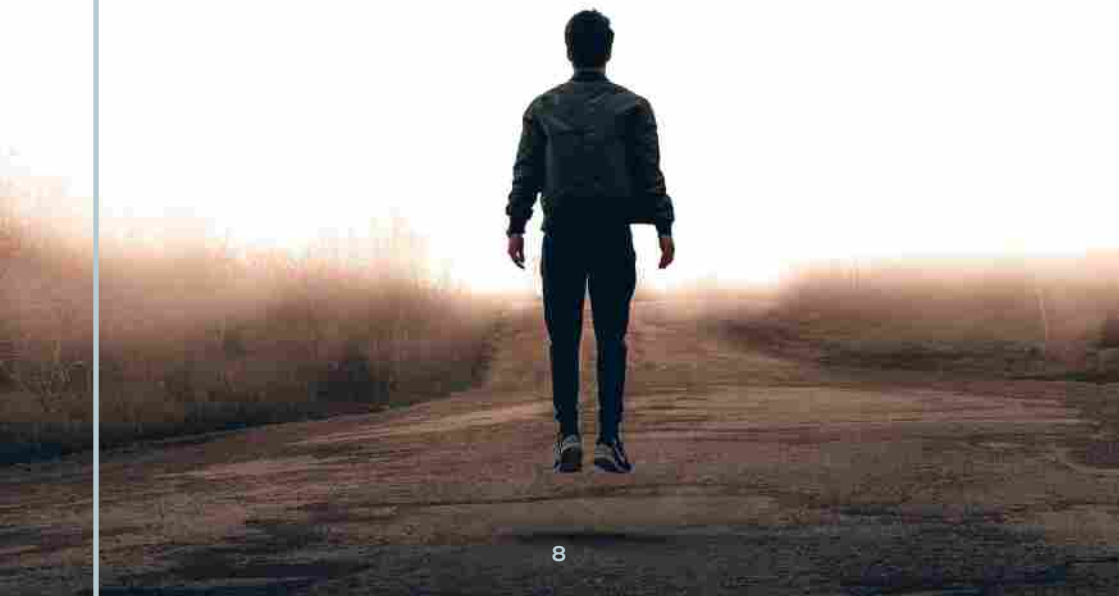
Satan accused God of lying to Adam and Eve. He accused God of not loving them, but of selfishly wanting to hold them back from progressing to a point where they would themselves become equal to Him in power. He insinuates that God can't be trusted; that His commandments are not in your best interest, but are designed to prevent you from experiencing and enjoying life to the fullest. These accusations against God tore heaven apart before the earth was formed (Revelation 12:7-9). They beguiled Adam and Eve. And they still form the foundation for our temptations today.

6 What additional charge does Satan make against God?

Job 1:8-11

". . . the LORD said to Satan, 'have you considered my servant _____,... a _____ and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?' . . . Satan answered the LORD and said 'stretch out Your hand and _____ all that he has, and he will surely _____ You to Your face."

Satan claims that because God is untrustworthy and unloving, He can't possibly evoke genuine love and loyalty in the hearts of His children. "Allow Job to be afflicted with suffering, and he will curse You to Your face," Satan charged.





7 What key piece of evidence does God willingly submit to the universe that Satan's charges are false?

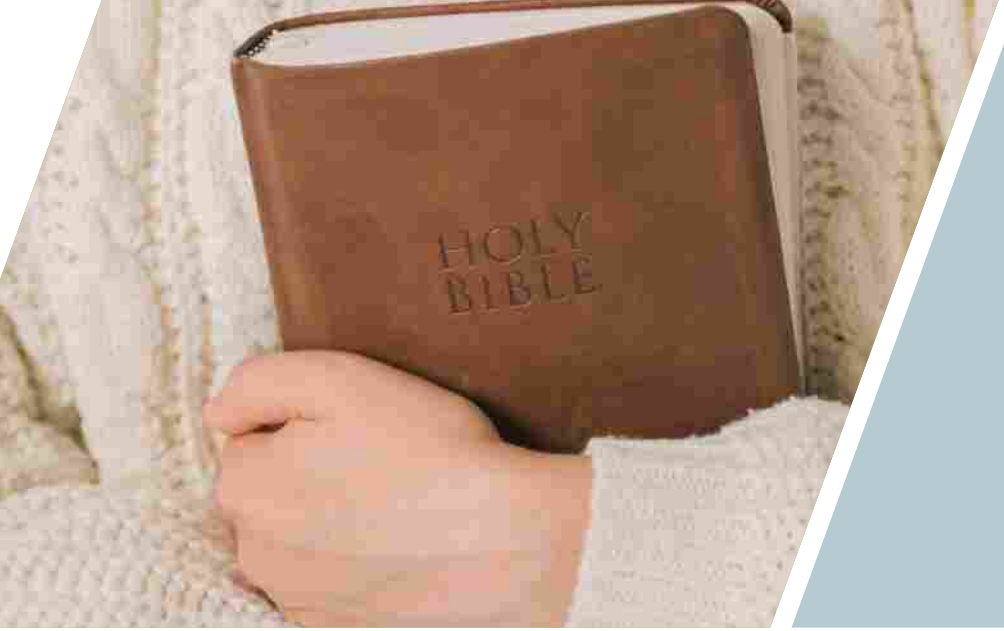
Daniel 7:10

"...The court was seated, and the _____ were opened."

Revelation 20:12

"...The dead were judged according to _____ _____, by the things which were written in the books."

The same records accessed for the final judgment of earth's vast population are submitted also that God may be deemed fair and just. What an awesome thought, that the record of your life might help exonerate God of Satan's vicious and damning charges against Him.



8 How can our lives help discredit the false charges against God?

Job 13:15

Job said, "Though He _____ me, yet will I _____ Him."

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your _____ _____ and _____ your _____ in heaven."

When God allowed Satan to afflict Job with great suffering, Job continued to trust in God. The record of Job's life shows that God's integrity does indeed evoke unselfish love and unshakable loyalty in the hearts of His friends. And Jesus said that when we perform unselfish works of mercy and love, we represent the character of our Father who is Himself the source of such works. It is a wondrous and humbling truth that the records of our lives and works can draw others to God and discredit Satan's slanderous charges against Him.

9 What beautiful promise has God given us with regard to our own standing in the judgment?

John 5:24

"He who hears My word and _____in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into _____, but has _____ from _____ into life."



YOUR CALL

God assures all who trust Him that they will not be condemned in the judgment, but will pass from the spectre of death to the promise of life. Is it your personal desire to put your trust in God and live a life of loving obedience that will glorify Him before men today and before angels in the judgment?

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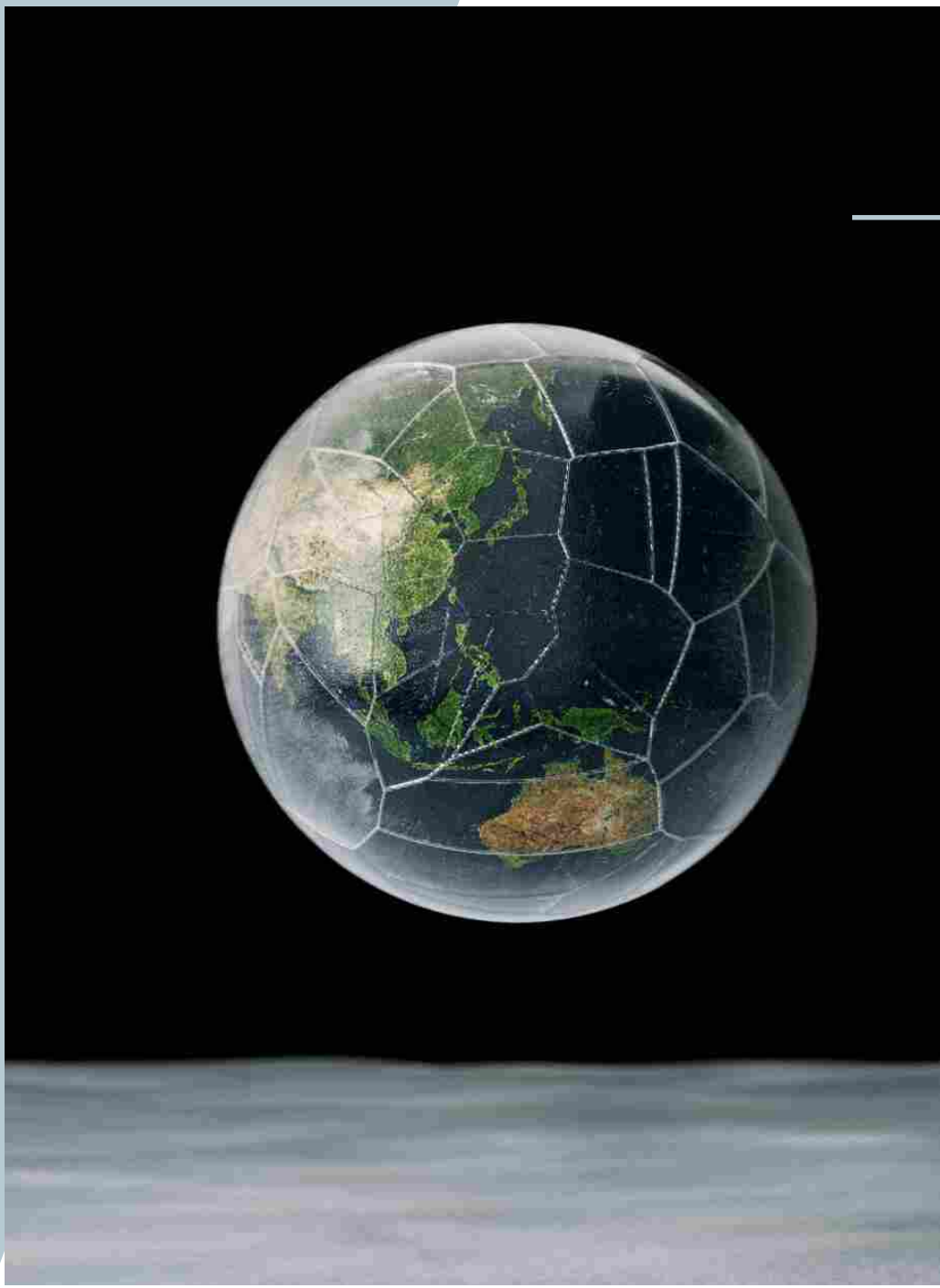
When History Played a Trick on Us







History has played a trick on us a time or two, in some instances causing us to radically change our way of thinking.

For ages, people believed it to be true that the earth was flat and they lived in fear of plunging over the edge into a dark abyss, until the theory of a round earth was demonstrated to be true. This forever changed the course of history throwing wide open the doors of exploration. On the same note, it was long accepted as truth that we lived in a geocentric universe, with all things revolving around the earth; until Nicolaus Copernicus established that, contrary to popular belief, the earth rotates around the sun. Likewise, in 300 B.C. the widely respected Aristotle purportedly made the following statement : "The spider is a small animal which has six legs." This declaration was accepted as truth for 1,100 years until someone else took it upon themselves to count the legs of the spider in 1400 A.D. They discovered that, in fact, it has eight legs. All it takes is one false step, one wrong idea, and the whole world can be inadvertently misled until someone re-examines the evidence and sets the record straight. Does this apply to our spiritual lives as well?



1 What does Jesus say about blindly following others instead of following Biblical truth?

Mark 7:7, 8

"And in vain they worship Me, teaching _____ _____ the _____ of _____. For _____ the commandments of _____, you hold the _____ of _____..."

When it comes to worshiping, Jesus cautions us, be on your guard: the traditions and commandments of man can so easily and so deceptively infiltrate and replace the commandments of the eternal God. If you are not careful, Jesus declares, you can actually allow the traditions of man to set aside the commandments of God.

Let's uncover one little meandering from the truth of God's Word that has put into motion one of the most widely misinterpreted practices in Christianity today. For centuries the Christian church has been split between worshiping on Saturday, the seventh-day Sabbath, and worshiping on Sunday - the first day of the week. The vast majority of Christians today sincerely observe the first day of the week, Sunday, following the traditions of others who centuries ago strayed away from the Biblical Sabbath.

2 Has God given anyone authority to change His commandments, including the fourth commandment of seventh-day Sabbath observance?

Deuteronomy 4:2

"You shall _____ _____ to the word which I _____ you, nor _____ it, that you may _____ the _____ of the _____ your God which I command you."

It is crystal clear that we are not at liberty to alter any of the commandments God has given us.

3 Did Jesus change the Sabbath to Sunday?

Matthew 5:1 7-1 9

"Do not think that I came to _____ the _____ or the Prophets, I did not come to _____ but to _____. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth _____, one _____ or one _____ will by no means _____ from the _____ will all is fulfilled."



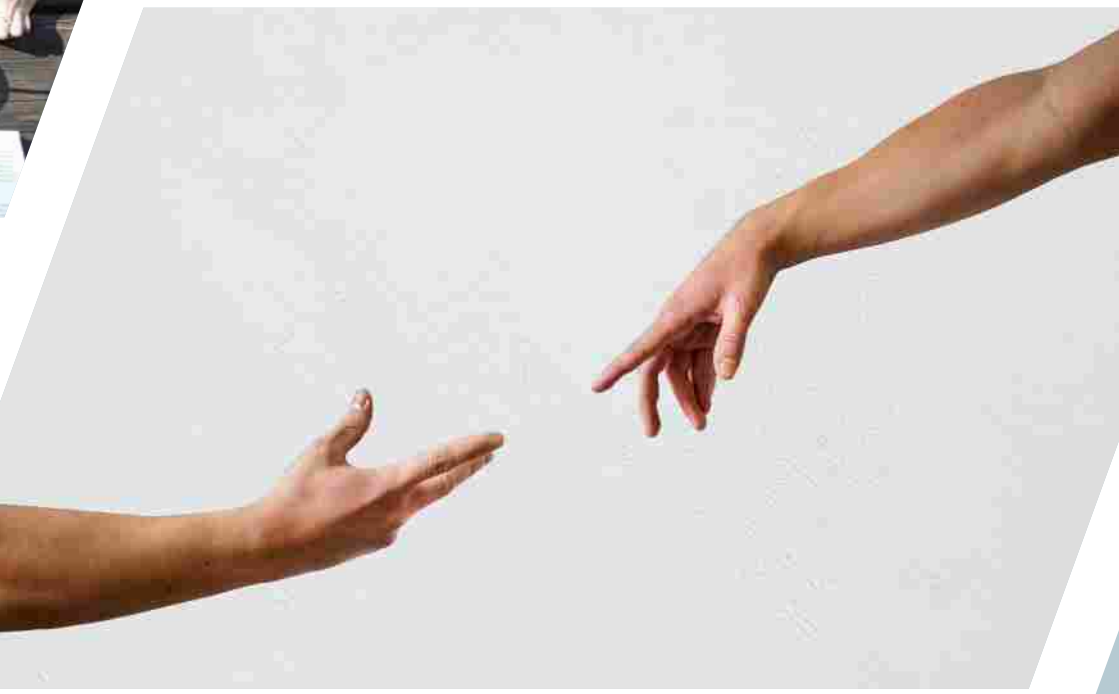


4 Where, then, did the practice of worshiping on Sunday come from?

Acts 20:29, 30

"For I know this, that after my departure _____ _____ will come in among you, not _____ the flock. Also from among yourselves _____ will _____ speaking perverse things, to _____ _____the disciples after themselves."

Paul predicted that some early Christians would wander away from the doctrines of New Testament Christianity. Historical research shows that very thing happened with regard to the Sabbath after the apostles died. Because the Jews didn't accept Jesus as the Messiah, they repeatedly followed false Messiahs who led them into military insurrection against Rome. Rome's military retaliations against the Jews often had the effect of punishing the Christians, for both religious groups worshiped on the seventh-day Sabbath, causing the Romans to often confuse one group for the other. To distance themselves from being identified with the Jews, leaders of the church at Rome began to move away from seventh-day Sabbath observance. They encouraged church members to worship on Sunday, the day on which the Romans worshiped the sun, as well as on the Bible Sabbath. They declared the Sabbath to be a day of fasting, and Sunday to be a day of feasting, and continued worshiping on both days for many years. Then in 321 A.D. the emperor Constantine, who claimed to convert to Christianity, declared Sunday to be the day of worship throughout the empire. Satan used this meandering from the truth to gradually escalate into a worldwide movement away from the fourth commandment in which God calls us to "remember the seventh-day Sabbath to keep it holy."



5 What can the leading away from just one of God's commandments develop into?

James 2:10

"For whoever shall _____ the _____
_____, and yet _____ in _____
_____, he is _____ of _____."

When we break just one of God's commandments, we become vulnerable to the enemy. We let our guard down and allow a way for Satan to direct our lives. The Scriptures warn us not to blindly follow the traditions of man simply because a belief has been believed and practiced in all sincerity by those who have gone before - this does not make it truth.



6 What does God say?

Exodus 20:8-10

"Remember the _____ _____, to keep it _____. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the _____ _____ is the _____ of the Lord your God."

The God of the universe came down to this world to demonstrate the love and character of God. So eager was He for our friendship that He not only gave us life, but He also gave us a special time, as a gift in which to celebrate our friendship with Him, the Lord of our life. Throughout the Bible, God's gift of the seventh-day Sabbath is upheld as His gift of love to every man, woman, and child who has ever lived.

YOUR CALL

Has the time come for you to begin experiencing God's gift of time, the seventh-day Sabbath, with Him in the way He intended for you to?



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GUIDE 16

Buried Alive – How To Start Over Again





Nicodemus, under the cloak of darkness, hurried through the shadows outside the city walls to meet with jesus on the mount of olives.

A sophisticated theologian and churchman, Nicodemus had worked his way into the upper echelon of the religious hierarchy of the land and did not want to risk tainting his reputation by being seen in the presence of the radical, controversial young teacher from Nazareth. Resorting to flattery, Nicodemus covered up his nervousness with talk of the obvious divine credentials Jesus had demonstrated. "You must be from God," he said. Christ, however, sensing that he hasn't shown up in the middle of the night for small talk, spoke immediately to the probing heart of Nicodemus: "Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Caught off guard, Nicodemus scrambled to cover up the spiritual longing of his soul by babbling about the impossibility of returning to your mother's womb to be born again. To this Jesus replied, "Most assuredly I say unto you, unless one is born of the water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

When Jesus speaks of being "born of the Spirit," He is referring to the conversion which takes place inside the human mind and heart when a person invites Christ to take charge of their life. When Jesus speaks of being "born of the water," He is referring to baptism.



1

How important is baptism?

Mark 16:16

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

John 3:5

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is _____ _____ _____ and the _____, he cannot enter the _____ _____ _____."

2 What quality did John look for in a place for baptism?

John 3:23

"Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was _____ _____there.

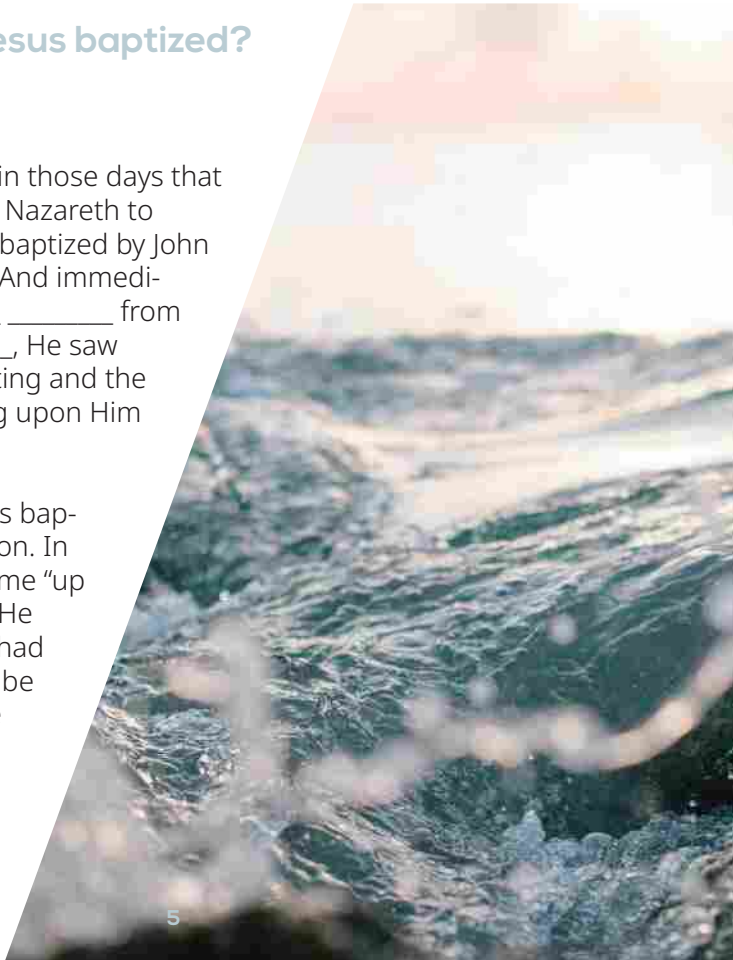
John chose Aenon as a baptismal location because of its abundance of water. This was necessary since He practiced the biblical method of baptism, completely covering a person with water, which we call "immersion."

3 How was Jesus baptized?

Mark 1:9, 10

"It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth to Galilee, and was baptized by John in the _____. And immediately, _____ _____ from the _____, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

Jesus Himself was baptized by immersion. In order to have come "up from the water," He would first have had to go down into, be immersed in, the water.





3 Why does it matter whether you are baptized by immersion or by another commonly practiced form of baptism such as sprinkling or the pouring of water?

Ephesians 4:5

"One Lord, one faith, one _____."

The Bible states that, just as we serve only one God and have one faith, we too should have only one type of baptism; and since we are to follow the example of Jesus in all things, we should follow Him also in His method of baptism.

4 Is the method important to convey baptism's spiritual significance?

Romans 6:4-6

"Therefore we were _____ with Him through baptism into_____ , that just as Christ was _____ _____ _____ _____ by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in _____ _____ _____."

In baptism, you choose to abandon and die to your old way of life just as Christ died for our sins on the cross. Then, you bury that sinful past in the watery grave of baptism, just as Christ was buried in the tomb. And you rise again out of the water to walk in a new life just as Christ rose again in His glorious resurrection.

The biblical method of baptism beautifully demonstrates its spiritual significance in a way that other forms called "baptism" cannot.



5 How does one prepare for baptism?

Matthew 28:20

"_____ them to _____all things that I have _____ you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Mark 16:16

"He who _____ and is baptized will be saved."

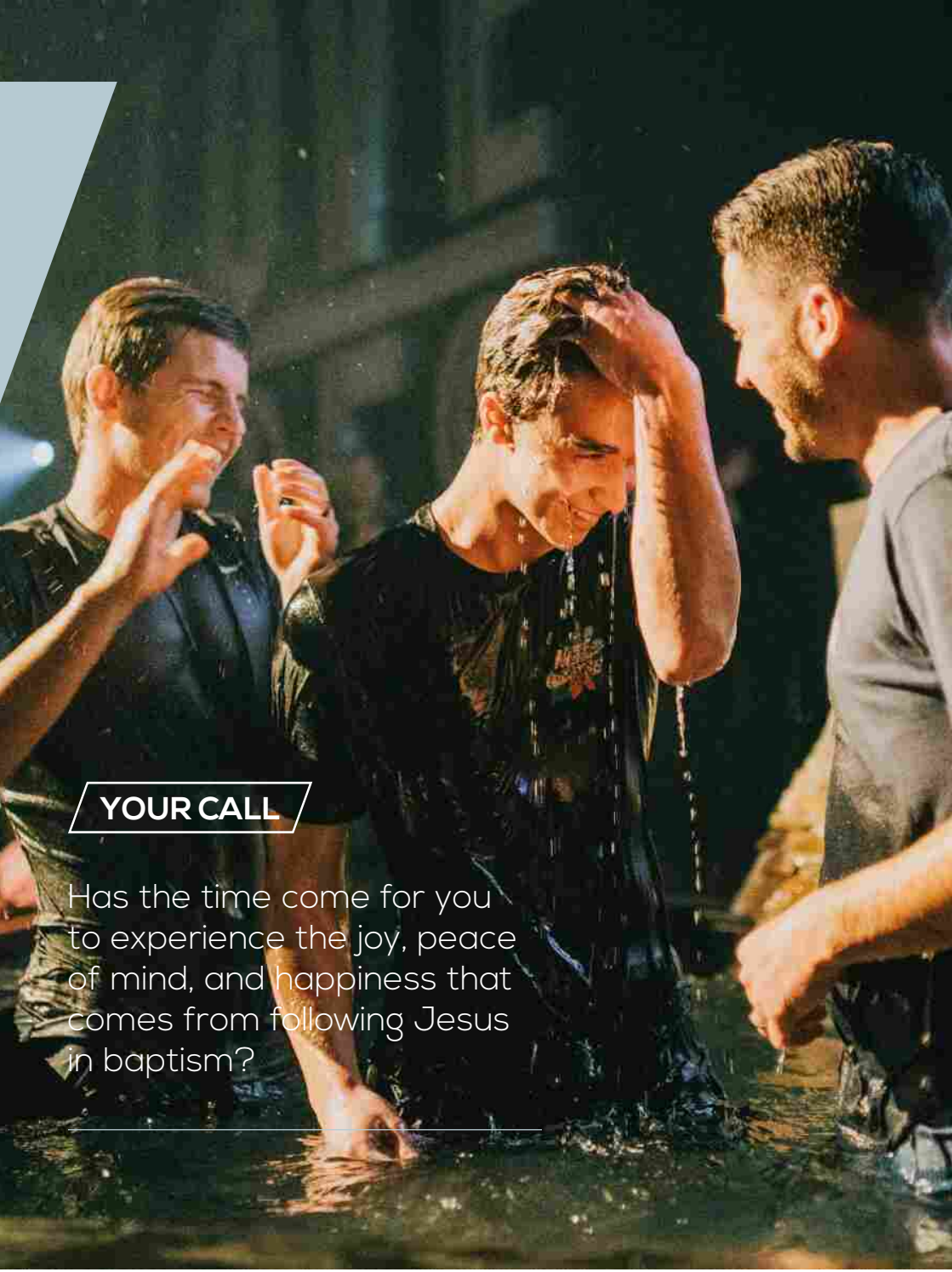
Acts 2:38

"Then Peter said to them, '_____, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the _____ of _____..."



6 In preparing for baptism, we must do three things

1. Learn of Jesus and His plan for our best happiness.
2. Accept Him as Lord and Saviour of our life.
3. Repent; that is turn around or away from our "old" life of pleasing self and sin and follow in His footsteps, walking in a "new" life controlled by His Spirit and our desire to please Him.



YOUR CALL

Has the time come for you to experience the joy, peace of mind, and happiness that comes from following Jesus in baptism?

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Beauty and the Beast







Beasts and dragons seem like the bizarre common stock of fairy tales!

To many unprepared Bible readers, the book of Revelation seems to be taken out of medieval mythology. A hideous beast with seven heads and ten horns rising out of the sea the stuff nightmares are made of . Yet, within these symbols there is a tremendous message of hope.

As we embark upon the next series studies, what may be for many a confusing subject will be recognized as one of the most hope-filled prophecies in Scripture. The heart of this great prophecy is in the Apocalypse, Chapter 13.



1 What kind of name does the beast power in Revelation have?

Revelation 13:1

"I saw a _____ rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a _____ name."

The Bible defines blasphemy as a claim to be God, or claiming for oneself the prerogatives that belong to God alone, such as the ability to forgive sins. See John 10:33; Mark 2:7.

2 What kind of power does this symbolic beast wield?

Revelation 13:1, 3, 4

"I saw a _____ . . . having seven heads and ten horns, crowns, and on his horns ten _____, ... And all the _____ marveled and _____ the _____... they _____ the _____ saying, 'Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?' "

This symbolic beast represents a power that is political (represented by the "crowns," verse 1), religious ("they worshiped the beast," verse 4), and global in influence ("the world marveled and followed the beast," verse 3). It is a geo-religio-politico power.

3 How long did this beast exercise unhindered authority?

Revelation 13:5

"... he was given authority to continue for _____ _____ ."

A prophetic month is comprised of 30 prophetic days. Forty-two prophetic months equates to 1260 prophetic days—the exact time period identified in Revelation 12:6 during which God would protect His children from the fury and persecution of the spiritual dragon, Satan. In Bible reckoning, a prophetic day equals a literal year (Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6). Forty-two prophetic months, 1260 prophetic days, represent 1260 literal years.

In 538 A.D. the barbarian Ostrogoths besieged Rome, removing the last vestiges of resistance to the Bishop of Rome's being recognized as the ranking bishop in the Christian church. Exactly 1260 years later, in 1798, Napoleon's General Berthier entered Rome and sent the Pope into exile, where he died as a political prisoner. Thus ended the 1260-year dark night of the church and the world, appropriately referred to by historians as the Dark Ages. Through Protestant Reformers who arose toward the close of the 1260-year period of spiritual suppression and repression, the Bible was translated into the languages of common people, and the light of Bible truth began to once again stream forth into the world.



4 What would happen to this "deadly wound" inflicted upon the dominant church in 1798?

Revelation 13:3

"I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his _____ _____ was _____. And all the world marveled and followed the beast."

The beast power through the church of the medieval period had for centuries persecuted millions in the name of God and orthodoxy appeared "mortally wounded" when the Pope was exiled in 1798. But, true to Bible prophecy, it has again risen to the stature of a global religious/political power. Religious and political leaders around the globe are once again making their pilgrimages to Rome, seeking the counsel, support, and blessing of the Pope. And Revelation 13 prophesies a time soon to come when the church of Rome will once again exercise a controlling dominance and authority "over every tribe, tongue, and nation," commanding a form of worship not approved of God (Revelation 13:7). This is not to say that many members of the Catholic Church, including the Pope himself, are not sincere Christians. But Revelation 13 warns that this institution will yet play a leading role in the last great crisis before Jesus returns, suppressing truth and persecuting those who refuse to worship as she dictates.



5 What are we to do about these things?

Luke 21:28

"Now _____ these things begin to happen, _____ _____ and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws _____."

The future will be both fearful and exciting. The end is good news for faithful friends of God.

6 Who is the other player in this cosmic struggle?

Revelation 13:8

"All who dwell on the earth will worship him [the beast], whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the _____ _____ from the foundation of the world."

It has been Satan's studied effort to divert attention in whatever way he can away from Jesus, the Lamb of God who was slain for our redemption. See John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18,19. For Jesus, our Saviour and Friend, is the true Beauty in this "Beauty and the Beast" scenario. He is "the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6



5 Who will ultimately win the cosmic struggle between the Beauty and the Beast?

Revelation 5:12

"'Worthy is the _____ who was _____ to _____ _____ and riches and wisdom, and _____ and honor and _____ and blessing!"

6 What does God have planned for us if we lovingly submit our lives to Him?

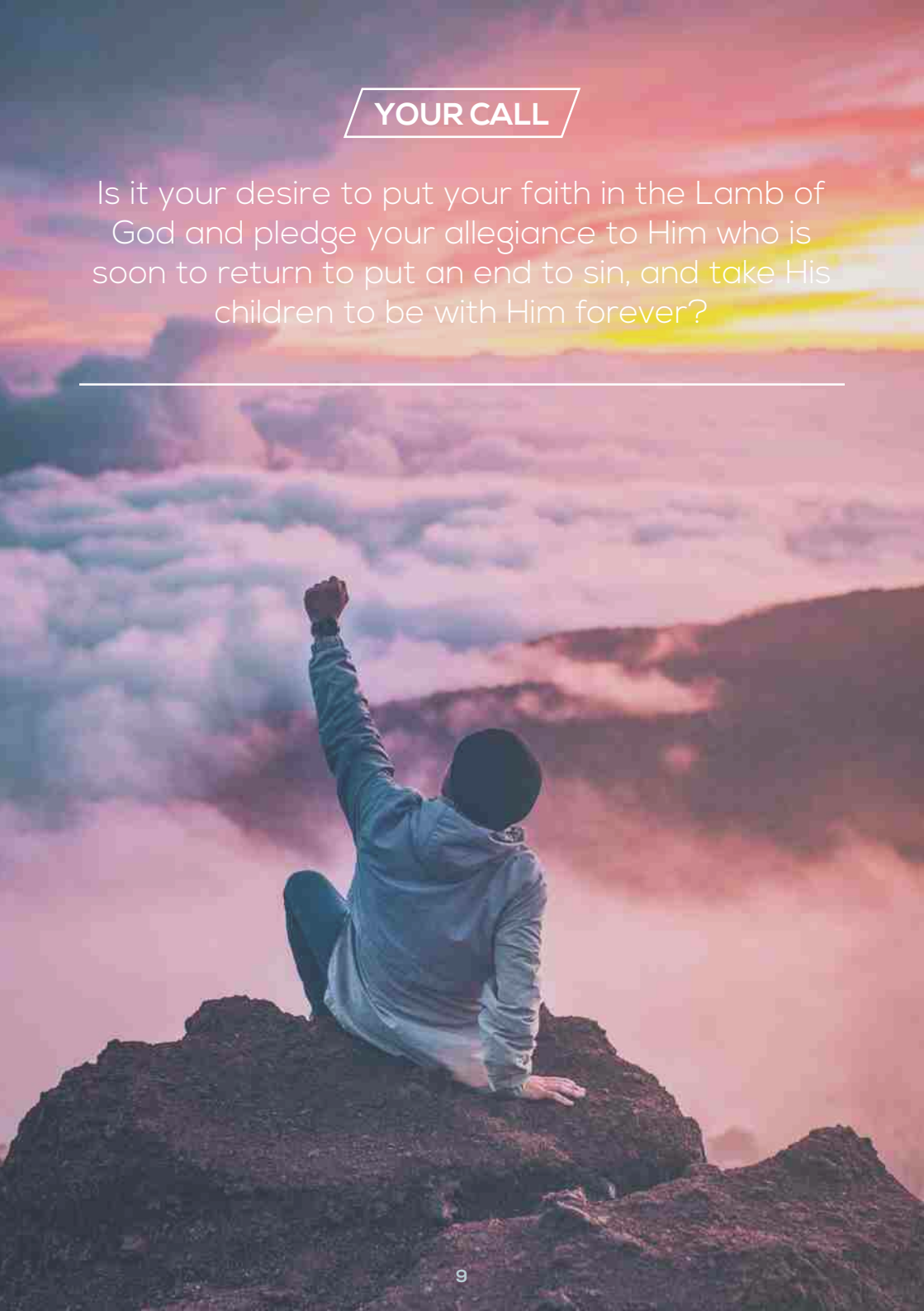
Revelation 15:2, 3

"And saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the _____ over the _____, over his _____ and over his _____ and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the _____."

Through God, we are assured to claim victory over Satan, and live triumphantly with God and our Saviour Jesus Christ throughout eternity.

YOUR CALL

Is it your desire to put your faith in the Lamb of God and pledge your allegiance to Him who is soon to return to put an end to sin, and take His children to be with Him forever?



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GUIDE 18

When the Clock Runs Out on America and the New World Order







It's often been hypothesised that IF you were to throw a frog into hot water it will immediately try to jump out.

But if you put it into a pail of cold water and then slowly warm up the water to a danger point, the frog will adjust to the gradual changes in temperature and remain complacent all the way to the point when it will actually die from overheating.

Could it be that our global society has similarly adjusted to the changes that have taken place in our world, without realizing that it has reached danger point? Could it be that we need to be much more aware than we are of the significance of the changes that continue to take place around us? That, even as we read these words, changes are occurring that could be setting the stage for the final events Scripture has prophesied will happen just before Jesus returns? Indeed, just such alertness is called for as we take up the second half of our study of Revelation 13.

In our previous study of the first half of Revelation 13, we noted a beast that John saw in vision coming up out of the sea. **A careful study of the biblical symbolism connected with this beast enabled us to identify it as the medieval church—an ominous institution credited with both religious and political characteristics, and wielding global influence.** In Revelation 13:11-18 this first beast is joined by a second. Under the influence of these two beasts, the world will unite in a short-lived confederacy that, in the guise of a religious revival, will briefly wield a dictating, persecuting power until Jesus returns to bring sin to a final end.



1 Where does this second beast come from?

Revelation 13:11

"Then I saw another _____ coming up out of the _____,..."

The The apostate church as symbolised by the first beast, the church, rose out of the "sea" (Revelation 13:1). The waters of the sea in this prophecy represent "peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues"—the inhabited masses of Europe (Revelation 17:15). In contrast, the second beast rose out of the "earth"—far away from the masses of Europe, in a relatively unpopulated region of the world.

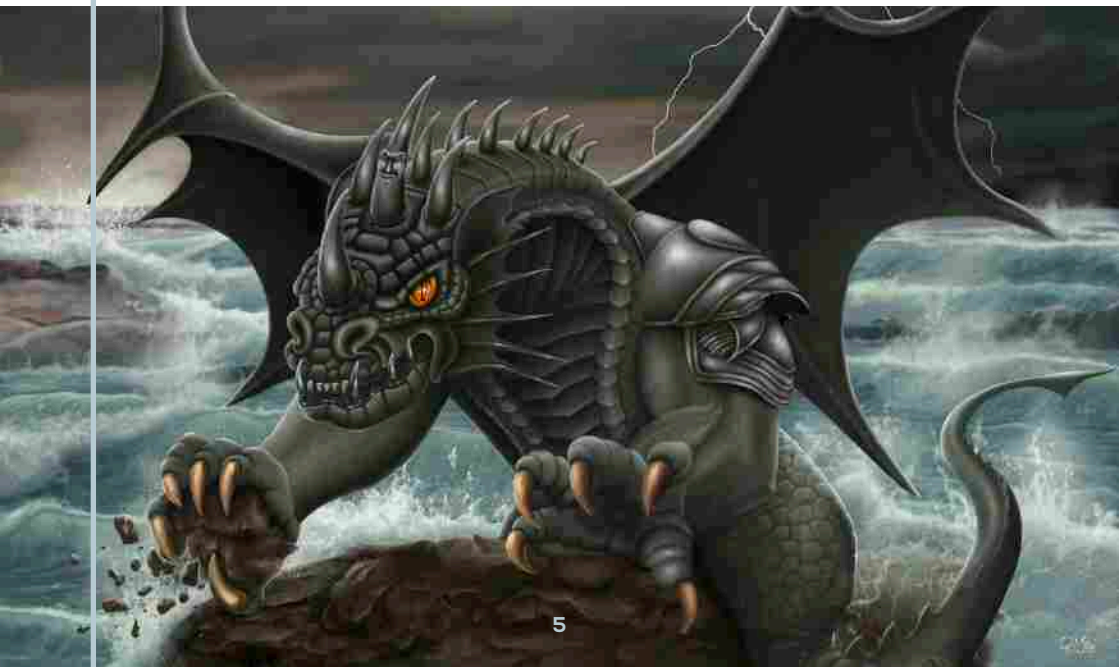
2 When did this second beast arise?

Revelation 13:11

"_____ I saw another beast coming up out of the earth."

Our previous study noted that the first beast would dominate the western world for "forty-two [prophetic] months," equaling the 1260year Dark Ages period (Revelation 13:5). This period began in 538 A.D. with the removal of the final resistance to the bishop of Rome. The Papal rule ended in 1798 with Napoleon's exile of the Pope, inflicting a deadly wound on the Papacy. Revelation 13:10 refers to the Pope's "captivity," and Revelation 13:12 refers to the "deadly wound," both of which occurred in 1798. Between those two texts which depict the prophesied events that occurred in 1798, John wrote verse 11: Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. John's prophecy foresaw a new world power arising on the scene of history sometime around the 1790's.

Given the historical background as well as the time frame for its emergence – late 1700's away from Europe and the masses, growing rapidly into a world power—the only international power that fits this prophetic description is the United States of America.





3 How was this second beast described?

Revelation 13:11

"... he had _____ _____ like a _____..."

At first glance, this beast appears as a peaceful lamb, having two notable characteristics, symbolically represented here as "horns." The United States of America was foreseen to have a peaceful influence on the world, championing the powerful twin legacies of civil and religious freedom.



4 What kind of power would this second beast eventually wield over the world

Revelation 13:11, 14, 15

"... he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a _____ ... And he _____ those who dwell on the earth..., telling those who dwell on the earth to make an _____ to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the (first) beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and _____ as many as would not _____ the image of the beast to be _____."

Daniel 3 tells the story of a Babylonian king who used the political power of the state to force his kingdom to worship an image, with the penalty of death imposed on all who refused. Revelation 13 foresees an end-time scenario wherein the leading political power on earth unites with the leading religious power to enforce a form of worship that is not approved of God. The surprise in this scenario is that the last great challenge to God's rule on earth will not come from an anti-religious force, but from a pro-religious one. A conservative and, for the most part, well-meaning confederacy of church and state will attempt to regain control of a decadent society, and to spark a spiritual revival. The result will be the loss of religious freedom and the instigation of religious persecution toward those who seek to obey God with singleness of heart in faithfulness to all His commandments.



5 What must be the uncompromising commitment of the loyal friends of God?

Acts 5:29

" 'We ought to _____ _____ rather than men.' "

6 Who alone can bring worldwide spiritual revival, and by what means will it come?

Revelation 3:20

"Behold, _____ [Jesus] stand at the door and _____. If _____ _____ My voice and _____ the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Jesus alone brings spiritual revival, and it comes as an individual senses God's appeal to heart and responds to it. Jesus desires a close personal relationship with each of us. Hence, His promise to "come in ... and dine" with each person who opens their heart to Him.



YOUR CALL

Is it your desire to respond to Jesus with a faithful, loyal, obedient heart in preparation for His soon return?

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Showdown of the Gods: The Final Emergency Call







BLESSED IS HE

The Book of Revelation has baffled millions through the ages. It opens with a divine blessing upon those who study it: "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near" (Revelation 1:3). Claiming the promised blessing, we again open the book, as we study the prophetic depiction of the events that will lead to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

1 What gruesome scene is described in Revelation 16:13?

"I saw three unclean _____ like _____ coming out of the mouth of the _____, our of the mouth of the _____, and out of the mouth of the _____ _____."

A bizarre scene for sure. What could the Bible mean by this? What warning may it be giving? Let's start by identifying the meaning of some of the symbols involved.

A. The dragon is identified in Revelation 12:9 as Satan himself, though it sometimes symbolizes an organization or power on earth through which Satan works to accomplish his purposes. See Revelation 12:1-4.

B. In our previous two studies in this series we identified the beast as the medieval church that dominated and persecuted the faithful followers of Jesus throughout the dark ages. As prophesied, the medieval church was "mortally wounded" when the Pope died in exile in 1798. Subsequently, the "wound was healed" (Revelation 13:1-8, 12). Now the papacy once again exerts global influence in both religious and political affairs. It must be stressed that this prophetic "beast" represents the system or institution of the papacy acting as a dictating, persecuting power, and not the individual members of it.

C. The false prophet is said in Revelation 19:20 to deceive people by signs that it works in the presence of the beast. The same thing is said of the second beast of Revelation 13 which we identified in our last study as the United States of America (Revelation 13:13, 14). Thus, the two are equated.

This threefold union of dragon, beast, and false prophet



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constitutes an end-time counterfeit trinity.

What unifying force will be working through this counterfeit trinity?

Revelation 16:14

"For they are _____ of _____ , performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

At the very end of time spiritualism, which is the dominant common element of eastern religions, will infiltrate secular



and Christian thought and institutions. The New Age movement is a new westernized patchwork of ancient eastern religious teachings, rooted in the two foundational lies of Satan in the very beginning: "You will not surely die. . and you will be like God,...Near death experiences" are captivating the curiosity of scientifically-oriented people willing to accept the word of someone they do not know rather than to rely on the sure Word of God. With increasing frequency, apparitions of Mary are occurring worldwide in which Christians are supposedly communicating with one whom the Bible teaches is dead and sleeping until the resurrection of the dead at the second coming of Jesus. "Kings of the earth," and indeed "the

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What great event follows the scene we have just been describing?

Revelation 16:15

"Behold, _____ (Jesus) _____ as a thief."

Immediately following the scene we have just studied from Revelation 16:13, 14, Jesus announces that He is returning at long last. He will come as a thief, not silently or unobserved, but

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when many people are unprepared and not expecting Him. See Matthew 24:26, 27; Revelation 1:7

Against whom does the believer battle daily?

Ephesians 6:12

"We not _____ against flesh and blood, but _____ hosts of _____ in the heavenly places."

6

The final conflict at the end is but the culmination of the daily series of conflicts we constantly encounter in our spiritual journey.

How are we to be victorious in this spiritual battle?

Ephesians 6:13, 16-18

"Therefore take up the whole _____ _____, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day taking the shield of_____ with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the_____; praying always with all _____ and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with _____ all and supplication..."

Spiritual maturity and victory comes by continuing to strengthen our bonds of relationship with God. Faith, trusting God in all circumstances, acts like a shield against the attacks of Satan. The word of God in the Bible is the primary means by which God communicates to us and strengthens us today. Daily prayer is our lifeline to Him.

7

How deceptive will Satan's final deceptions be?

Matthew 24:24

"False christs and _____ _____ will rise and show _____ _____ and wonders to _____, if _____, even the _____."

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Make no mistake about it, the final events will be a challenge for even those closest to God.

What will keep those who trust in God from being deceived in that day?

John 10:27, 28

"My sheep hear My _____, and I know them, and they _____ Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall _____ _____; neither shall anyone _____ them out of My _____."

Those who daily listen to God through His word in the Bible, communicate with Him in prayer, seek to follow the leadings of His Spirit in their lives, and learn to discern His "voice." Through spiritual discernment, He grants them His providential leading in their lives, protect them through the final conflict.

YOUR CALL

Is it your desire to so know His voice and be safely shielded in His strong hand?

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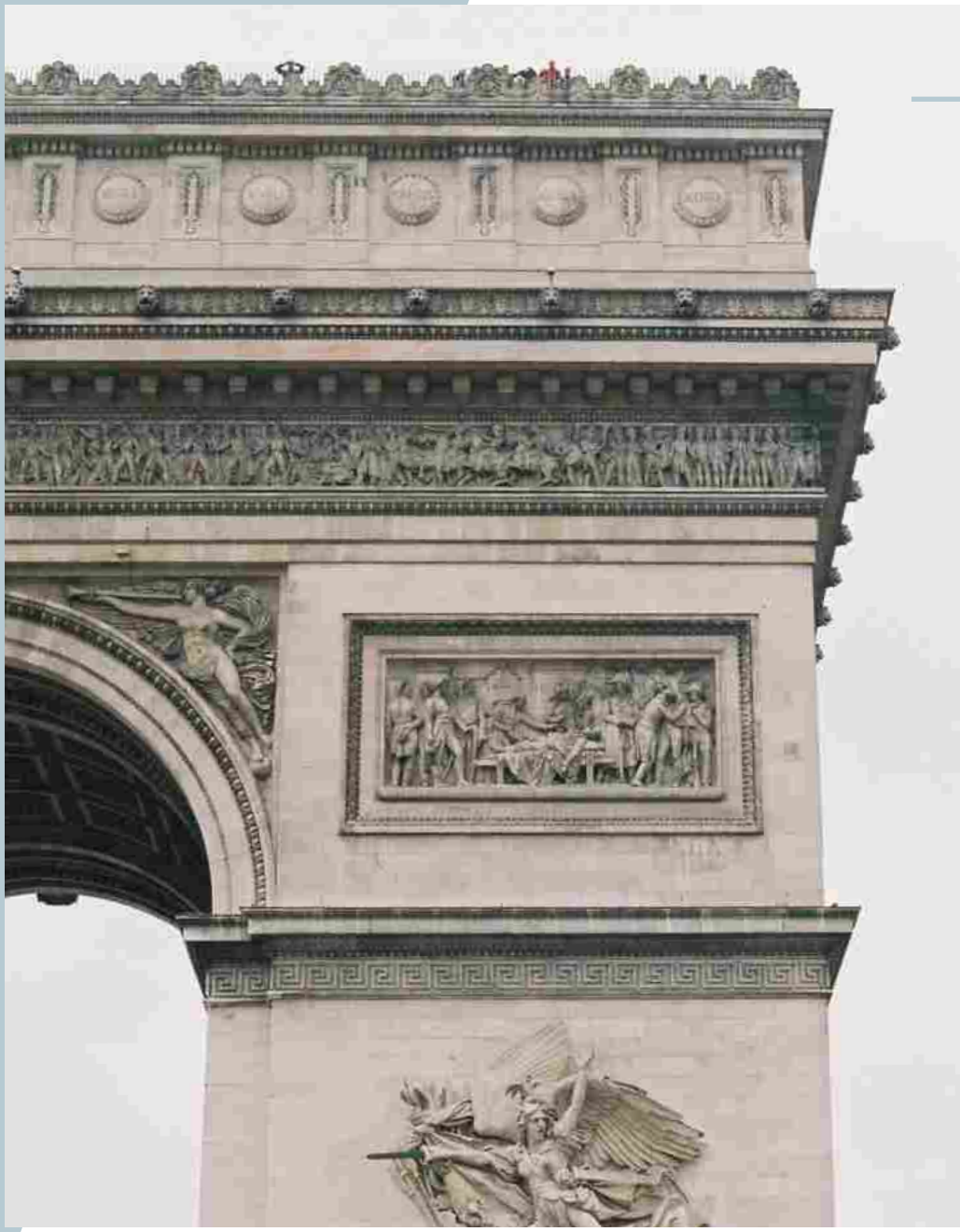
The Spectacular Prophecy That Nostradamus Missed





Some 400 years ago in the south of france there lived a brilliant, dedicated, humanitarian physician by the name of **MICHEL DE NOSTRADAME**

Better known as Nostradamus, his purported predictions have granted him worldwide acclaim as a highly celebrated psychic. Yet, have all his prophecies come true? Like many other proclaimed psychics, most of his predictions did not. Many question whether anyone can truly predict the future.

There is a spectacular Bible prophecy that far overshadows any human prediction: a plain, yet profound prophecy that has made a believer out of thousands of one time skeptics.



1 Who only can foretell the future?

Isaiah 46:9, 10

"I am God, and there is _____ _____... declaring the _____ from the _____,...from _____ _____ things that are not _____ _____."

Only God can foretell the future.

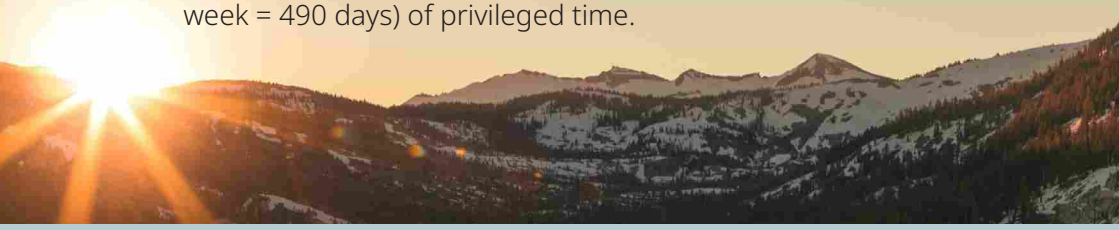
Before studying the Daniel 9 prophecy that has been called 'the crown jewel of the Old Testament," let us briefly review its historical background. Israel had fallen into apostasy and essentially rejected God. God finally accepted their free choice to reject His companionship and walk out on His love. He thus withdrew His protective barriers from Israel. The Babylonians subsequently ransacked Jerusalem and took the Jews captive in 605 B.C. In Daniel 9, Daniel prays fervently for God to deliver his people. His prayer is answered, and God grants a probationary period of time in which Israel might be re-established as His chosen people to go to the world with His good news.

2 What was the probationary period allotted to Israel for this reestablishment?

Daniel 9:24

"_____ _____ are determined for your _____ _____, to _____ the _____, to make an end of sins, to make _____ for iniquity, to bring in everlasting _____, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to _____ the Most Holy."

They were given 70 weeks, or 490 days (70 weeks x 7 days per week = 490 days) of privileged time.



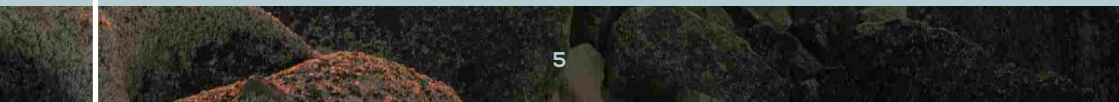
3 In prophetic time what is one day equal to?

Ezekiel 4:6

"...then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have _____ on you a _____ for each _____."

One prophetic day is equal to one literal year. So we can conclude Israel's probationary period was to last 490 years – a fact that has been recognized through the centuries by well-known Bible expositors.

In reading Daniel 9:25-27 we discover the key events that are to take place during this 490 year probationary period regarding the Messiah and Jerusalem. We learn that during this time Jerusalem would be rebuilt, the Messiah would come, He would be cut off, and He would confirm a covenant with many by bringing an end to sacrifices.

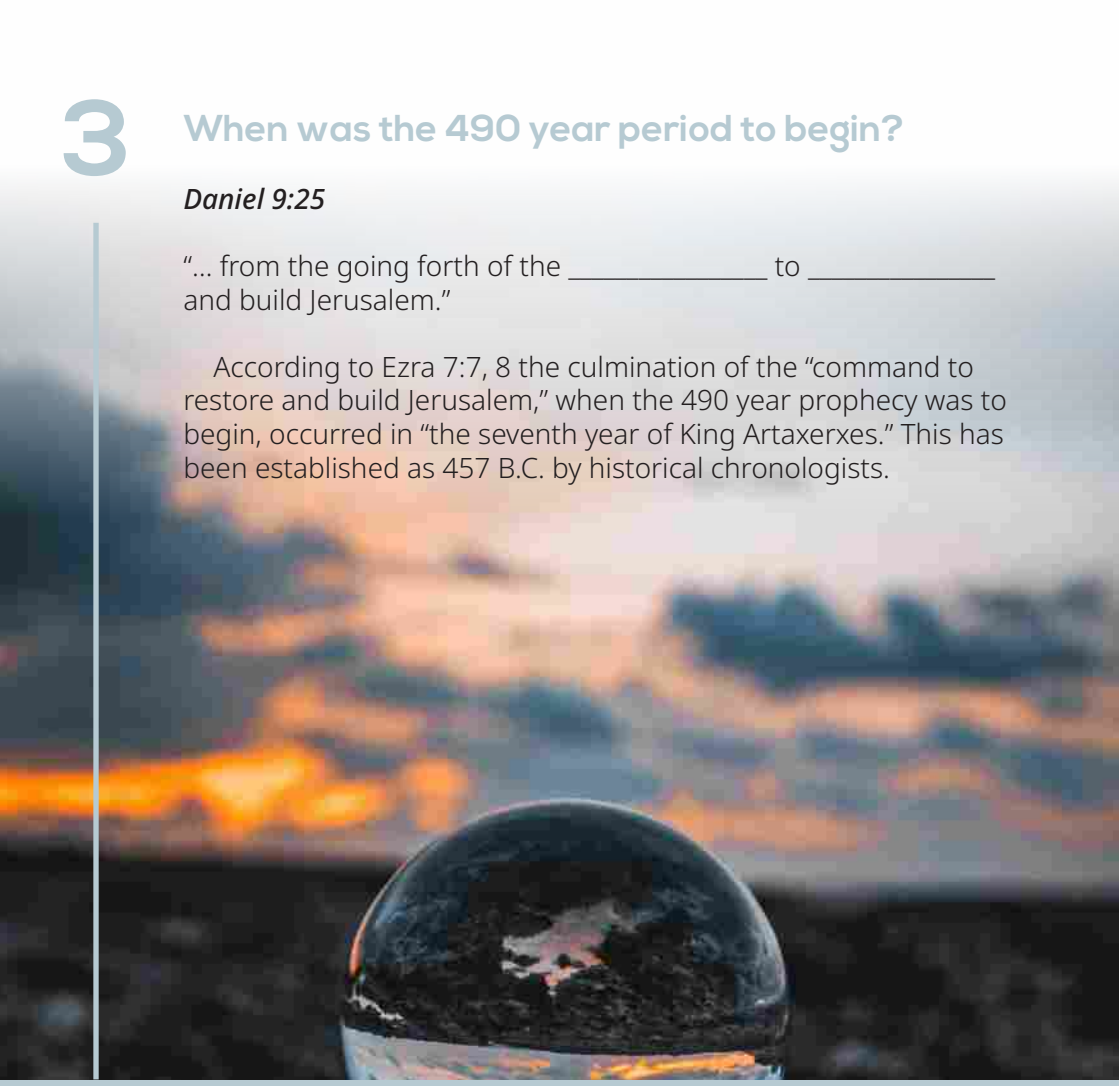


3 When was the 490 year period to begin?

Daniel 9:25

"... from the going forth of the _____ to _____ and build Jerusalem."

According to Ezra 7:7, 8 the culmination of the "command to restore and build Jerusalem," when the 490 year prophecy was to begin, occurred in "the seventh year of King Artaxerxes." This has been established as 457 B.C. by historical chronologists.



4 What happened next in the prophecy?

Daniel 9:25

"Until _____ the Prince, there shall be _____ weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall..."

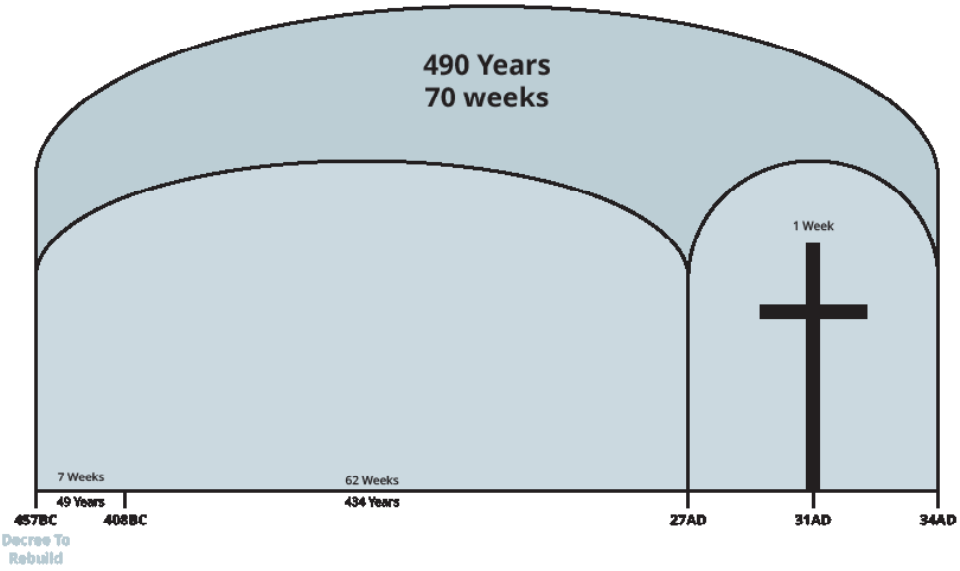
It was prophesied that at the close of sixty-nine prophetic weeks or 483 years (69 X 7 = 483) after 457 B.C. "Messiah (literally, 'Anointed One') the Prince" would come. This calculates to the year 27 A.D.

5 What significant event took place in the year 27 A.D.?

Luke 3:1, 21

"Now in the _____ of the reign of _____ Caesar... it came to pass that _____ also was _____."

According to Jewish reckoning, the fifteenth year of Tiberius began in the fall of 27 A.D. That was the very year Jesus was baptised and "anointed ... with the Holy Spirit" to begin His mission as the Messiah (Acts 10:38; Luke 3:22). Jesus was anointed as the Messiah in the exact year that had been foretold by the prophet Daniel hundreds of years earlier!





6 What extremely significant event was to happen to the Messiah after the 69 weeks had ended?

Daniel 9:26

"After the sixty-two weeks [plus the seven that proceeded it] Messiah shall _____ _____, but not for Himself."

Daniel 9:27

"In the middle of the week He shall bring an end to _____ and offering."

In the middle (3 years) of the last week (7 year) segment of the 70 week (490 year) prophecy, the Messiah was to be "cut off, but not for Himself," bringing an end to "sacrifice." The public ministry of Jesus covered a period of 3½ years, ending in the spring of 31 A.D. with His crucifixion and death. Exactly 3½ years after A.D. 27 (fall), Jesus died, "not for Himself" but for the sins of the world (1 Peter 2:22-25). At the very moment Jesus died, the veil in the temple where the sacrifices took place was torn from top to bottom, signifying that God had thus brought the system of animal sacrifices to an end" (Matthew 27:51).

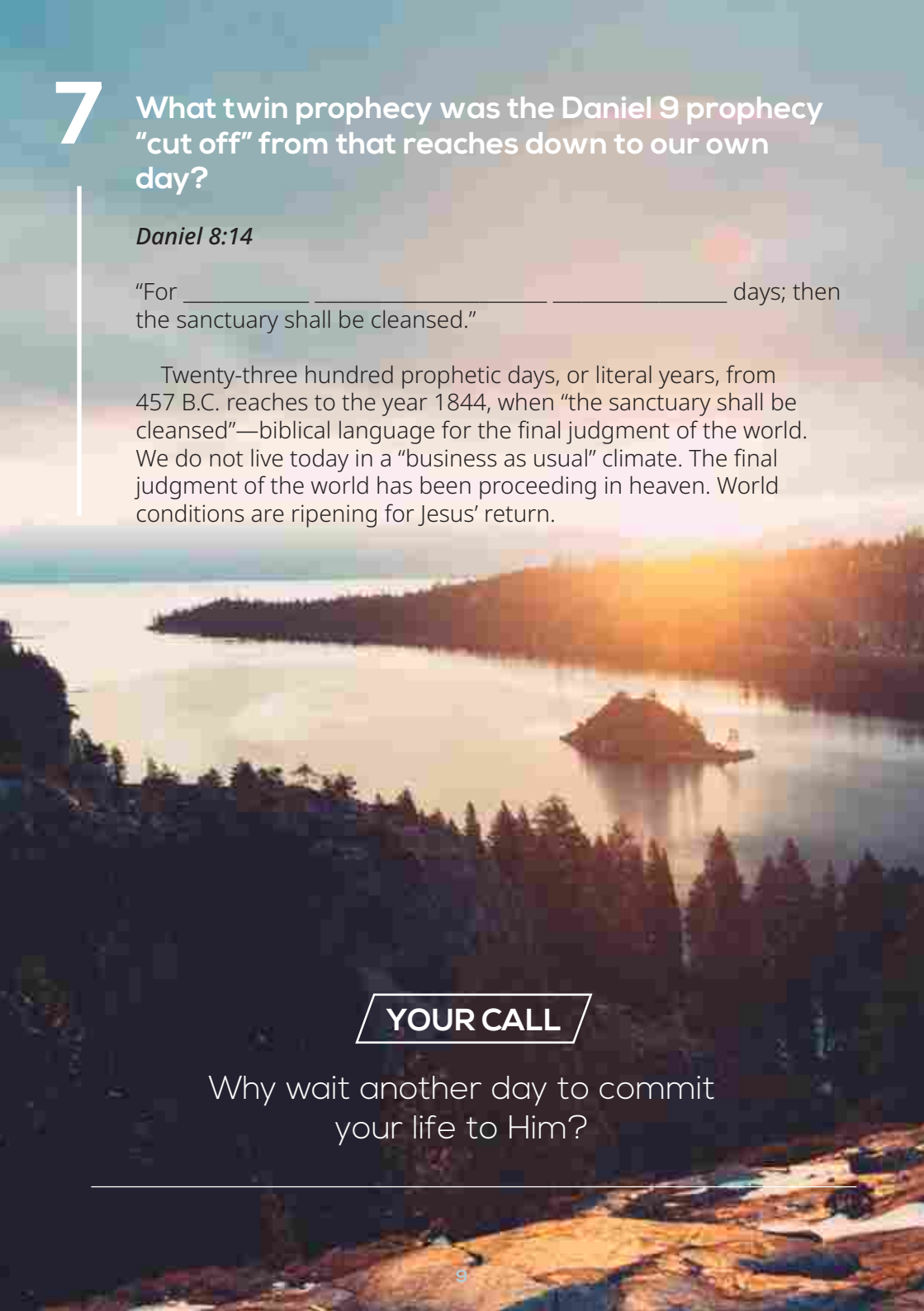
The great mathematician, Sir Isaac Newton, called this prophecy "the foundation stone of the Christian religion," because it provides indisputable proof that Jesus Christ was exactly who He claimed to be, the promised Messiah. Thus our faith in Jesus has a strong intellectual foundation. Jesus Christ came on time, He died on me, and now He lives for all with His passionate longing to save, not just Israel, but the entire human race.

7 What twin prophecy was the Daniel 9 prophecy "cut off" from that reaches down to our own day?

Daniel 8:14

"For _____ _____ _____ days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

Twenty-three hundred prophetic days, or literal years, from 457 B.C. reaches to the year 1844, when "the sanctuary shall be cleansed"—biblical language for the final judgment of the world. We do not live today in a "business as usual" climate. The final judgment of the world has been proceeding in heaven. World conditions are ripening for Jesus' return.



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Why wait another day to commit your life to Him?

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LAW OF GOD




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In this hour of history, the world is deeply troubled by the **RAMPANT VIOLENCE THAT STALKS THE EARTH.**

Religious and political leaders across the globe are under the realization that our nations are in a state of rapid moral decline. In an effort to remove the deadly cancer from the soul of our nations, numerous religious leaders are uniting in the great struggle. However, in our collective attempts to extinguish the fire of moral chaos that threatens, we have perhaps overlooked our own disregard for the very moral law to which we are calling our nations to return. There is, after all, one commandment that seems to have continually fallen by the wayside—to honour God, the author of the fourth commandment—that calls us to honor the seventh-day Sabbath as His holy day.



Let us consider the balanced and protective role God's commandments are to have in the lives of all of His children.

1 How important is it to keep all of God's commandments?

James 2:10

"For whoever shall keep the _____ _____, and yet _____ in _____ point, he is guilty of _____."

Even if I ignore only one of the commandments, I am abandoning my confidence in the entire law which leads to a moral decline both in ourselves and society.

2 Can God's law ever be changed?

Psalm 89:34

"My _____ I will not _____, nor _____ the _____ that has gone out of My lips."

The Bible is very clear on this point—God has not and will not change His law.





3 Did Jesus come to do away with the law?

Matthew 5:17,18

"Do not think that I came to _____ the _____ or the Prophets. I did not come to _____ but to _____."

Jesus came not only to reveal a holy God and die for our sins, but also to be our example for good and right living. He did not come to destroy the law but to magnify it.

4 Will anyone be saved solely by keeping the law?

Ephesians 2:8, 9

"For by grace you have been saved through _____,
and that not of _____; it is the _____ _____
_____, not of _____, lest anyone should boast."

It is plain to see that the only means of salvation is by grace, through the blood of our glorious Saviour Jesus Christ. Keeping the law will not save us.

5 Because we are saved by grace through faith, does this make the law any less valid for us, or any less important for us to keep?

Romans 3:31

"Do we then make _____ the law through _____?
_____ _____! On the contrary, we _____
the law."

While we are saved solely by grace, we are admonished to keep God's law as a result of accepting Jesus as our Saviour. For instance, if we are in traffic court for a speeding violation and, in response to our meager defense, the judge has mercy on us and excuses the penalty, do we squeal our tires out of that courthouse parking lot and thunder down the road, breaking every speed limit in sight? After all, we could conclude that since we are now under grace we are no longer subject to the law. Would we be foolish enough to disregard the law now that the judge has shown us mercy? Of course not!



6 What real value does God's law have for us?

Romans 7:12, 14

"The law is _____, and the commandment _____ and _____ and _____ ... the law is _____, but I am carnal, sold under sin."

The commandments of God are holy and good and guide us toward all that is right and just.

7 But if we are not saved by keeping the law, what motivation would we have for keeping it?

John 14:15

"If you _____ _____, keep my _____."

Obeying the commandments are a natural result of entering into a loving relationship with our Saviour Jesus Christ.

YOUR CALL

Do you love Jesus enough to desire to follow all of His plan for our best happiness?



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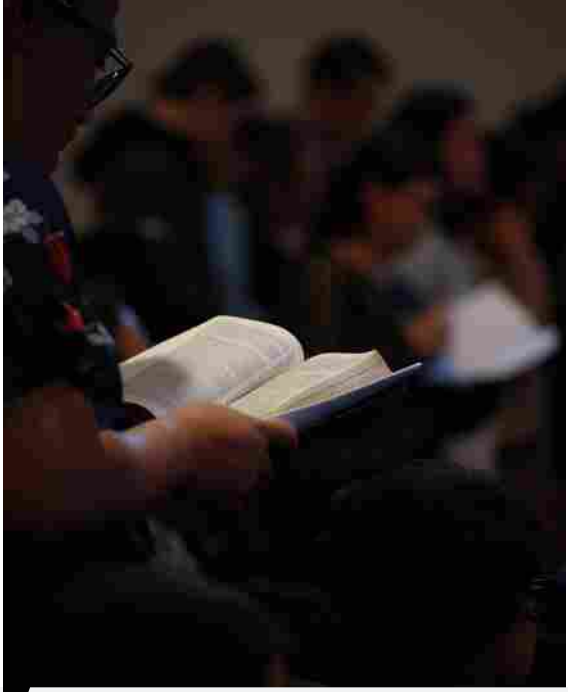
It has long been wondered why, **if the Christian message is so basic,** why have Christians split into so

MANY DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS AND SECTS



Many denominations arose during the Reformation when Christians began to rediscover Bible-truths that had been nearly obliterated during the Dark Ages. New groups were built from the followers of such great Protestant forefathers as Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Welsey. Ever since that time, new churches and denominations have been branching out and emerging, owing to differences in styles of worship, traditions, and liturgy.

With countless Christian churches to choose from, it can be confusing to make a decision about which to belong to.



It's fair to question - Does God have a true church in this day and age, and if so, how we can identify it.

1 What does the Apostle Paul assert about God's Church?

Ephesians 4:4-6

"There is one body and one Spirit . . .

Paul couldn't be clearer on this subject. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one body, one hope, one Spirit, one God and Father of us all. How then do we go about identifying God's true church?

First, we need to establish the rudimentary principles of the New Testament church. God's true church should be a reflection of the teachings of Christ and the disciples. The gospels repeatedly emphasize the essence of New Testament Christianity as devotion to Christ, love, acceptance, forgiveness and service. Certainly, God's true church today should follow the same principles.



2 Will all who follow Christ enter into His Kingdom?

Matthew 7:21

"Not _____ who says to Me, _____, _____,'
shall enter the _____ _____ _____, but he who
_____ _____ _____ of my Father in heaven."



3 What is an identifying mark of a "true" church?

Isaiah 8:20

"To the _____ and to the _____! If they do _____ speak according to this _____, it is because there is _____ _____ in them."

Here is the one infallible standard by which all teaching, all doctrines, all religions, and all churches must be evaluated. If they are teaching any doctrine contrary to God's eternal law, the Ten Commandments, Isaiah says, "there is no light in them."

4 What symbolism does Jesus use for His true church?

Jeremiah 6:2

"I have likened the daughter of _____ to a _____ and _____ _____."

Isaiah 51:16

"And say to Zion, 'You are my _____."

Jesus likens His true church to a pure woman. A woman is a symbol the Bible often uses to portray the community of faith. A pure woman symbolizes the true community of faith, and an impure woman symbolizes the false or counterfeit community of faith.

5 How is the 'woman,' God's true church, characterized in Revelation 12:17?

"And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring who _____ the _____ of God and have the _____ of Jesus Christ."

Here we find that God's true church is identified by the fact that it has the faith of Jesus and keeps the commandments of God. And what are the commandments of God? It is His law which perfectly reflects the character of God.

How many of the Ten Commandments are to be honored and obeyed by this final church community? Obviously, all ten, which includes the fourth commandment, "Remember the seventh-day Sabbath to keep it holy." So you will always be able to identify God's end-time church by its willingness to follow the teachings and law of God including the observance of the seventh day Sabbath just like the New Testament church. We also find that God's end-time church will have the "testimony of Jesus Christ."



6 What is the testimony of Jesus Christ?

John 14:6

"I am the _____, the _____, and the _____. No one comes to the Father _____ through _____."

God's last church on earth will be a church that follows Jesus! In following Jesus, it will worship Him as the Lord of salvation and, yes, in following Jesus it will worship Him as the Lord of the Sabbath. The Bible also identifies a number of other core teachings:

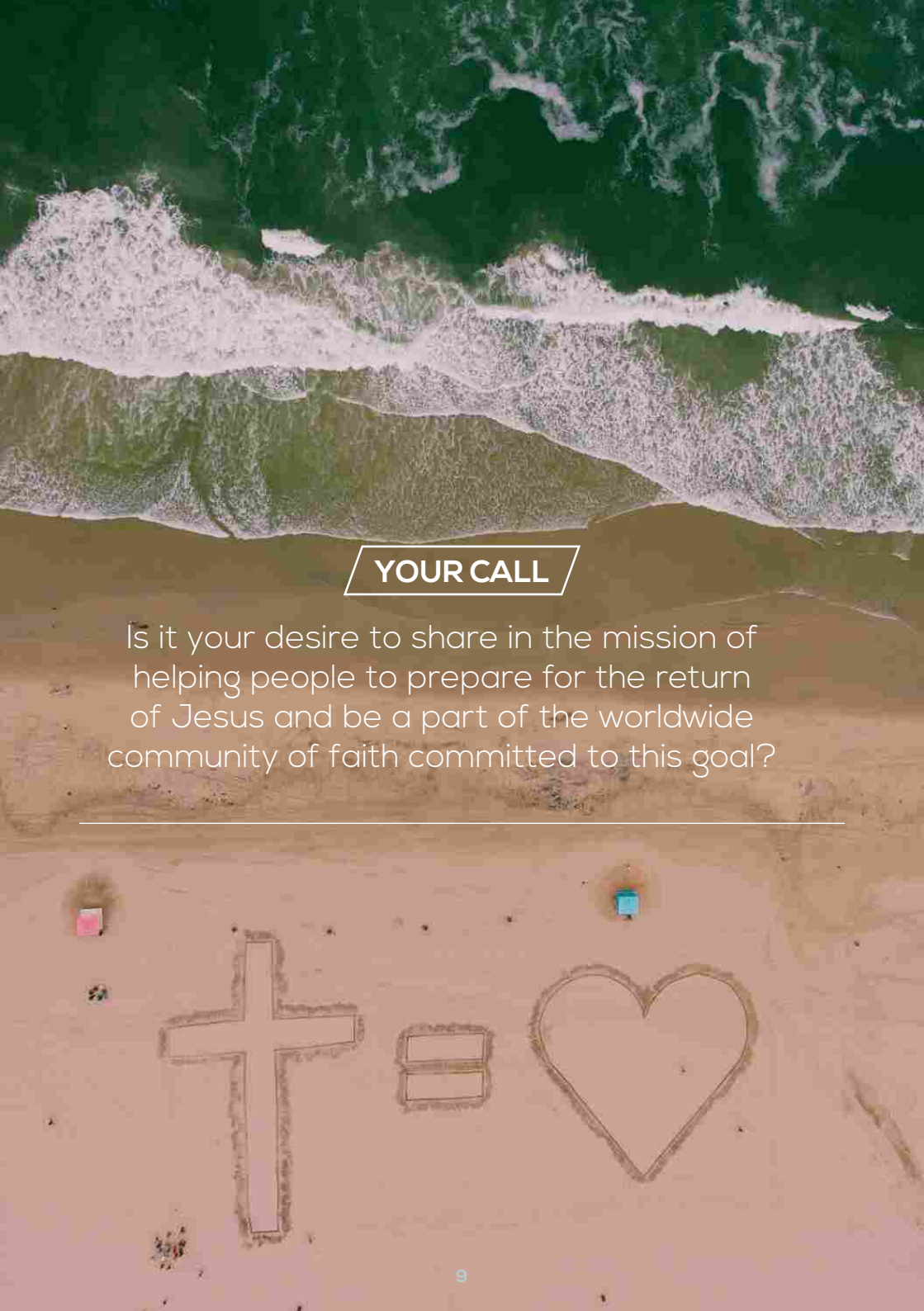
1. It will also follow Jesus' teaching death being an unconscious sleep in which one awaits the resurrection, and will anticipate Christ's soon coming.
2. It will also be a church that teaches and practices baptism by immersion, just as Jesus experienced when He was here.
3. Jesus is our great High Priest interceding for us before God.

7 How else is the testimony of Jesus characterized in Revelation 19:10?

"For the testimony of Jesus is the _____ _____ _____."

Therefore, God's true church at the end of time will be a prophetic community that carefully receives and studies the prophecies of the Bible.

Is there such a community of truth and faith on earth, whose sole allegiance is to Jesus Christ, His Holy Scriptures, and the Ten Commandments? Revelation identifies it as the "rest of her seed," the final continuation of God's eternal truth on earth. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a worldwide community of faith endeavoring to continue the reformation's rediscovery of Bible truth and prepare men, women, boys, and girls for the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.



YOUR CALL

Is it your desire to share in the mission of helping people to prepare for the return of Jesus and be a part of the worldwide community of faith committed to this goal?

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