

JESUS' FINAL WARNING IN LOVE TO THE WHOLE WORLD PART II

"The Lord has a special message for us to bear to the world, even the third angel's message. The first and second angel's messages are bound up with the third. The power of the proclamation of the first and second messages is to be concentrated in the third.

Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily, with a strong voice, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Rev. 18:2. The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the third angel's message as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation, which they are soon to meet.

THE SECOND ANGEL'S MESSAGE WAS FIRST PREACHED IN THE SUMMER OF 1844 BECAUSE OF THE CHURCHES REJECTION OF THE FIRST ANGEL'S MESSAGE OF THE JUDGMENT

1. What special message does the second angel have to proclaim to the world? Rev 14:8; Rev 18:1-4; 17:1-5; 16:19; 14:8; 17:18; 16:13; 19:20; 13:11-17; Jer 15:7; Mt 26:27-29; Rev 17:2;18:3,9.

Ans: a. ⁸And there followed _____ angel, saying, _____ is fallen, is fallen, that great _____, because she made _____ nations drink of the _____ of the _____ of her _____. Rev 14:8.

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¹And after these things I saw _____ angel come down from heaven, having _____ power; and the _____ was lightened with his glory. ²And he cried _____ with a strong voice, saying, _____ the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of _____, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. ³For _____ nations have drunk of the _____ of the _____ of her _____, and the _____ of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the _____ of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. ⁴And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come _____ of her, _____ people, that ye be not partakers of her _____, and that ye receive not of her _____. Rev 18:1-4.

Ans: c. **Saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city.** Babylon constitutes firstly the _____ church of Revelation and also her daughters:

¹And there came one of the _____ angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great _____ that sitteth upon many waters: ²With whom the _____ of the earth have committed _____, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. ³So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a _____ sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of _____, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden _____ in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: ⁵And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, _____ THE GREAT, THE _____ OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Rev 17:1-5.

The Roman _____ Church claims to be the _____ church as the following quote from her official writings demonstrate:

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10.I acknowledge the holy _____ Apostolic Roman Church as the _____ and mistress of _____, and I promise and swear (тгпоефр бд!вфр) true obedience to the Bishop of Rome, as the successor of St. Peter, prince of the Apostles, and as the vicar of Jesus Christ." See note below.

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tradition and the _____ of the soul which the Bible _____ severely as we will notice in the next angel's message.

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¹⁹And the great _____ was divided into _____ parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great _____ came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the _____ of the wine of the fierceness of his _____. Rev 16:19

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¹⁸And the _____ which thou sawest is that great _____, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. Rev 17:18.

The three parts of Babylon are the Roman _____ Church the Apostate _____ Churches and the Spiritualistic or _____ Religions:

¹³And I saw _____ unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the _____, and out of the mouth of the _____, and out of the mouth of the false _____. Rev 16:13.

The _____ we have already noticed is unmistakably referring to the _____ or Roman Catholic Church as we noticed in the lessons on Revelation 13:1-10. The False _____ is Apostate _____ in the United States of America which is represented as the two horned beast of Revelation 13:11-17:

²⁰And the _____ was taken, and with him the false _____ that wrought _____ before him, with which he _____ them that had received the _____ of the beast, and them that worshipped his _____. These both were cast alive into a lake of _____ burning with _____. Rev 19:20.

¹¹And I beheld another _____ coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹²And he exerciseth _____ the _____ of the first _____ before him, and causeth the _____ and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

¹³And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, ¹⁴And _____ them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those _____ which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. ¹⁵And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. ¹⁶And he causeth _____, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a _____ in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ¹⁷And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Rev 13:11-17.

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⁷Babylon *hath been* a golden _____ in the LORD'S hand, that made _____ the earth _____: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are _____. Jer 51:7.

²⁷And he took the _____, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, _____ ye all of it;

²⁸For this is my blood of the new _____, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ²⁹But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. Mt 26:27-29.

The _____ in the cup is a symbol in the Bible of teachings or _____. Jesus explained that the fruit of the vine was a symbol of the New Testament which is all the teachings of Christ and His prophets up until Revelation. The wine of _____ is the _____ teachings that have influenced all the Churches including the Roman _____ Church, the Apostate Protestant Churches and the Pagan or Spiritism religions and churches all of which have two doctrines in common namely _____ Sacredness and the _____ of the soul.

The wrath of her fornication will be demonstrated to the world when the _____ and Apostate protestants will call on the kings of the earth with which the churches commit fornication by putting the governments under pressure to _____ the world to worship on _____ or be killed (Rev 13:15). The power of the churches will be with their power to influence the kings of the earth and their merchants through _____ and trade so forming an illicit relationship that the true Christians should give only to Christ the _____ of the true Church (Jn 3:26-36; Eph 5:22-32). See note below

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THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE THAT WAS FIRST PREACHED SOON AFTER 1844 WHEN THE SANCTUARY AND SABBATH WERE MORE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD

2. How does the loud warning given to the world in the third angel's message begin? Rev 14:9.

Ans: a. ⁹And the _____ angel followed them, saying with a _____ voice, If any man worship the _____ and his _____, and receive *his* _____ in his _____, or in his _____, Rev 14:9.

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Ans: c. **The image of the beast.** What is the "image to the beast"? and how is it to be formed? The image is made by the two-horned _____, and is an image to the beast. It is also called an image of the beast.[THE TWO-HORNED BEAST OF REVELATION 13:11-17 MAKES AN IMAGE TO THE BEAST PORTRAYED IN REVELATION 13:1-10.] Then to learn what the _____ is like and how it is to be _____, we must study the characteristics of the beast itself--the _____.

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Ans: d. **And receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand.** The Sabbath is the _____ of God; it is the _____ of his law. Isa. 8:16. It is the token of his _____ and _____. It is a sign whereby we may know that he is God, and therefore it is appropriately said to be placed in the forehead. The worshipers of the _____ (Rev. 13) are said to receive his mark in their _____ or in their _____. As the forehead represents the intellect, the _____ represents the _____ and actions that a person does (Deut 14:29; 28:12; 30:9; Eccl 9:10). Some will receive the mark of the beast by going along with the forced Sunday worship by their _____ (hand) because of _____ of their lives not because of an intellectual agreement with what the Churches will force upon them. The Roman Catholic Church has always been happy to use _____ whenever she can and many follow with their _____ but not with their forehead to save their own lives. See note below.

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THE WRATH OF GOD POURED OUT WITHOUT MERCY ON THOSE WHO WORSHIP ON SUNDAY WHEN IT IS FORCED ON THE WORLD BY THE BEAST AND HIS IMAGE

3. What severe warning does Jesus give us so as not to worship on Sunday? What will happen to those who do? Rev 14:10.

Ans: a. ¹⁰The same shall _____ of the _____ of the _____ of God, which is _____ out _____ mixture into the cup of his _____; and he shall be _____ with fire and _____ in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: Rev 14:10.

Ans: b. The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.

¹And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last _____; for in them is filled up the _____ of God. Rev 15:1.

¹And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven _____, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the _____ of God upon the earth. ²And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the _____ of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his _____ . Rev 16:1,2.

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⁶And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven _____, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. ⁷And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden _____ full of the _____ of God, who liveth for ever and ever. Rev 15:6,7.

The wrath of God is poured out in the seven last _____ which are to come on those that receive the _____ of the beast by _____ observance. Drinking the _____ will be done by those who _____ the seven last _____ because of their refusal to keep the Seventh day _____ when it was made clear to them that this was the will of God.

The day of God's _____ is just upon us. The _____ of God will be placed upon the _____ of those only who sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land. Those who link in sympathy with the world are eating and drinking with the drunken and will surely be destroyed with the workers of iniquity. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Our own _____ of action will determine whether we shall receive the _____ of the living God or be cut down by the _____ weapons. Already a few drops of God's _____ have fallen upon the earth; but when the _____ last plagues shall be poured out without _____ into the cup of His indignation, then it will be forever too late to repent and find shelter. No atoning blood will then wash away the stains of sin. See note below.

Ans: c. Which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation. The word _____ is a Greek word *psfh* (*pskh*) with the meaning: "wrath, _____, vengeance, anger exhibited in _____, hence used for punishment itself." The angels pour out the cup on the earth on those that worship the beast and his image (Rev 16:1,2). Without mixture means that God's wrath will be poured out without _____: "¹³For he shall have judgment without _____, that hath shewed _____ mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment." James 2:13. The papacy and Protestant America will lead the world to persecute those that keep the Seventh Day Sabbath. They will have no mercy on Sabbath _____ and as a result they will have _____ mercy from God: "⁷Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man _____, that shall he also _____." Gal 6:7.

¹⁷The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is* _____ troubleth his _____ flesh. Prov 11:17.

The most fearful _____ ever addressed to mortals is contained in the third angel's message. That must be a terrible _____ which calls down the wrath of God unmingled with mercy. Men are not to be left in _____ concerning this important matter; the warning against this sin is to be given to the world _____ the visitation of God's judgments, that all may know why they are to be inflicted, and have _____ to escape them.

Men are prone to _____ the long-suffering of God, and to presume on His forbearance. But there is a point in human iniquity when it is time for God to _____; and terrible are the issues. "The Lord is _____ to anger, and great in power, and will not at all _____ the wicked" (Nahum 1:3). The long-suffering of God is wonderful, because He puts constraint on His own attributes; but _____ is nonetheless _____. Every century of profligacy has treasured up _____ against the day of wrath; and when the time comes, and the iniquity is full, then God will do His strange work (Isa 28:21). It will be found a _____ thing to have _____ out the divine _____; for the wrath of God will fall so

signally and strongly that it is presented as being unmixed with _____; and the very earth will be desolated. See note below.

Ans: d. And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the

Lamb. The word torment used in this text is the Greek word **casanimos (cōtbołtppŷ)** meaning: “to - _____, the act of tormenting, the state or condition of those tormented.” The _____ and torment that is poured out on the wicked that receive the _____ of the beast is a just recompense for their _____ of the righteous Rev 16:5-7). Brimstone is another word for _____ which is a pale non-metallic element which burns with a blue flame and a _____ smell. It is used in making matches and _____. It burns with a quite _____ temperature. Those that are tormented by the fire and brimstone will suffer from great heat and the suffocating smell of the brimstone or sulphur. Those that receive the _____ of the beast and worship his image will be burnt _____. First of all they will be burnt with fire at the Second _____ of Christ. The second time that those that worship the beast and his image will be burned is at the _____ of the thousand years which we will study about in the next question. We will look first of all at the first burning at the Second Coming of Christ. See note below.

⁸In flaming _____ taking vengeance on them that know _____ God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Thes 1:8.

³Our God shall _____, and shall not keep silence: a _____ shall _____ before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. Ps 50:3.

⁵The mountains quake at him, and the hills _____, and the earth is _____ at his presence, yea, the world, and _____ that dwell therein. ⁶Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. Nah 1:5.

³A fire goeth before him, and _____ up his _____ round about. ⁴His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. ⁵The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. ⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. Ps 97:3-6.

In the day of His _____, the last great trumpet is heard, and there is a terrible shaking of earth and heaven. The whole earth, from the loftiest mountains to the deepest mines, will hear. Everything will be _____ by _____. The tainted atmosphere will be cleansed by fire. The fire having fulfilled its mission, the dead that have been laid away in the grave will come forth--some to the resurrection of life, to be caught up to meet their Lord in the air, and some to behold the coming of Him whom they have despised and whom they now recognize as the Judge of all the earth.

All the righteous are _____ by the _____. They can walk through the fire, as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked in the midst of the furnace heated seven times hotter than it was wont to be heated. The Hebrew worthies could _____ be consumed, because the form of the fourth, the Son of God, was with them. So in the day of the coming of the Lord, smoke and _____ will be _____ to harm the righteous. Those who are united with the Lord will escape unscathed. Earthquakes, hurricanes, flame, and flood _____ injure those who are prepared to meet their Saviour in peace (Isa 43:1,2).

The beast and the false prophet a thrown into a lake of fire at the Second Coming of Christ. See note below.

¹¹And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called _____ and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The _____ of God. ¹⁴And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the _____ and _____ of Almighty God. Rev 19:11-15.

¹⁹And I saw the _____, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make _____ against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. ²⁰And the beast was _____, and with him the false _____ that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a _____ of _____ burning with _____. Rev 19:19,20.

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The wrath of God is poured out in the seven last plagues which are to come on those that receive the mark of the beast by Sunday observance. Drinking the wine will be done by those who receive the seven last plagues because of their refusal to keep the Seventh day Sabbath when it was made clear to them that this was the will of God.

The day of God's vengeance is just upon us. The seal of God will be placed upon the foreheads of those only who sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land. Those who link in sympathy with the world are eating and drinking with the drunken and will surely be destroyed with the workers of iniquity. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Our own course of action will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God or be cut down by the destroying weapons. Already a few drops of God's wrath have fallen upon the earth; but when the seven last plagues shall be poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation, then it will be forever too late to repent and find shelter. No atoning blood will then wash away the stains of sin.

Which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation. The word indignation is a Greek word **psnf (psnk)** with the meaning: “wrath, anger, vengeance, anger exhibited in punishment, hence used for punishment itself.” The angels pour out the cup on the earth on those that worship the beast and his image (Rev 16:1,2). Without mixture means that God's wrath will be poured out without mercy: “¹³For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.” James 2:13. The papacy and Protestant America will lead the world to persecute those that keep the Seventh Day Sabbath. They will have no mercy on Sabbath keepers and as a result they will have no mercy from God: “⁷Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Gal 6:7.

¹⁷The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but *he that is cruel* troubleth his own flesh. Prov 11:17.

The most fearful threatening ever addressed to mortals is contained in the third angel's message. That must be a terrible sin which calls down the wrath of God unmingled with mercy. Men are not to be left in darkness concerning this important matter; the warning against this sin is to be given to the world before the visitation of God's judgments, that all may know why they are to be inflicted, and have opportunity to escape them.

Men are prone to abuse the long-suffering of God, and to presume on His forbearance. But there is a point in human iniquity when it is time for God to interfere; and terrible are the issues. "The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked" (Nahum 1:3). The long-suffering of God is wonderful, because He puts constraint on His own attributes; but punishment is nonetheless certain. Every century of profligacy has treasured up wrath against the day of wrath; and when the time comes, and the iniquity is full, then God will do His strange work (Isa 28:21). It will be found a terrible thing to have worn out the divine patience; for the wrath of God will fall so signally and strongly that it is presented as being unmingled with mercy; and the very earth will be desolated.

And he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. The word torment used in this text is the Greek word *casanimos* (*cbtboitppj*) meaning: "to torture, the act of tormenting, the state or condition of those tormented." The plagues and torment that is poured out on the wicked that receive the mark of the beast is a just recompense for their treatment of the righteous Rev 16:5-7). Brimstone is another word for sulphur, which is a pale non-metallic element which burns with a blue flame and a suffocating smell. It is used in making matches and gunpowder. It burns with a quite high temperature. Those that are tormented by the fire and brimstone will suffer from great heat and the suffocating smell of the brimstone or sulphur. Those that receive the mark of the beast and worship his image will be burnt twice. First of all they will be burnt with fire at the Second Coming of Christ. The second time that those that worship the beast and his image will be burned is at the end of the thousand years which we will study about in the next question. We will look first of all at the first burning at the Second Coming of Christ.

In the day of His coming, the last great trumpet is heard, and there is a terrible shaking of earth and heaven. The whole earth, from the loftiest mountains to the deepest mines, will hear. Everything will be penetrated by fire. The tainted atmosphere will be cleansed by fire. The fire having fulfilled its mission, the dead that have been laid away in the grave will come forth--some to the resurrection of life, to be caught up to meet their Lord in the air, and some to behold the coming of Him whom they have despised and whom they now recognize as the Judge of all the earth.

All the righteous are untouched by the flames. They can walk through the fire, as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked in the midst of the furnace heated seven times hotter than it was wont to be heated. The Hebrew worthies could not be consumed, because the form of the fourth, the Son of God, was with them. So in the day of the coming of the Lord, smoke and flame will be powerless to harm the righteous (Isa 43:1,2). Those who are united with the Lord will escape unscathed. Earthquakes, hurricanes, flame, and flood cannot injure those who are prepared to meet their Saviour in peace.

The beast and the false prophet a thrown into a lake of fire at the Second Coming of Christ.

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THE PUNISHMENT OF THOSE THAT WORSHIP ON SUNDAY IN THE TIME OF THE MARK OF THE BEAST DESCRIBED

4. How is the punishment of those that receive the mark of the beast further described in the third angel's message? Rev 14:11.

Ans: a. ¹¹And the smoke of their _____ ascendeth up for _____ and ever: and they have no _____ day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Rev 14:11.

Ans: b. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever. The term for ever in this text is a _____ period of time while the wicked are tormented, it does not go on without end as many have been taught. Throughout the Bible at least _____ times the term "for ever" is used to describe things that are already _____ . In the story of Jonah for ever was only _____ days and three nights. See note below.

⁶I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for _____ : yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. Jonah 2:6.

¹⁷Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish _____ days and three nights. Jonah 1:17.

When _____ gave Samuel to the Lord for service in the sanctuary for ever she meant for a _____ time. See note below.

²²But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for _____. 1 Sam 1:22.

²⁸Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD; as _____ as he _____ he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there. 1 Sam 1:28.

With the case of a servant serving his master for ever meant a _____ time. See note below.

⁶Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall _____ him for _____. Ex 21:6.

With other texts for ever meant until _____. See note below.

¹⁴For this God *is* our God for _____ and ever: he will be our guide *even* unto _____. Ps 48:14.

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¹And I saw a _____ heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. Rev 21:1

⁴And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be _____ more _____, neither sorrow, nor _____, neither shall there be any more _____: for the former things are passed _____ . Rev 21:4.

¹For, behold, the day cometh, that shall _____ as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do _____, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them _____, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither _____ nor branch. Mal 4:1.

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not _____, but have everlasting life. Jn 3:16.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut _____: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. ¹⁰For yet a little while, and the _____ shall _____ be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall _____ be. Ps 37:9,10.

²⁰But the wicked shall _____, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall _____; into smoke shall they consume away. Ps 37:20.

³And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be _____ under the _____ of your feet in the day that I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts. Mal 4:3.

¹⁸Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a _____ from the midst of thee, it shall _____ thee, and I will bring thee to _____ upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. ¹⁹All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and _____ shalt thou be _____ more. Ezek 28:18,19.

The destruction of the wicked is a frequently mentioned subject in the Bible. In fact it is referred to _____ times as a complete annihilation: 98 in the Old Testament and _____ in the New Testament. One Hundred and Eighty two times Scripture declares that hell will end and the wicked will never be any more. See note below.

Ans: c. What about fire unquenchable does it go out also? Lk 3:17; Jer 17:27; 2 Chron 36: 19,21.

¹⁷Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will _____ with fire _____. Lk 3:17.

Fire unquenchable is a fire that cannot be put out until it has _____ up everything that is in it. An example of a place that was burnt with unquenchable fire in the Bible is _____. But the fire only burnt until it had done its job and then went out because Jerusalem is _____ still _____ today. See note below

²⁷But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a _____ in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall _____ be _____. Jer 17:27

¹⁹And they _____ the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with _____, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. 2 Chron 36:19

²¹To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of _____, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years. 2 Chron 36:21.

Ans: d. What about everlasting or eternal fire does it also go out when it has finished its work? Mt 25:41; Jud 1:7; 2 Pet 2:6.

⁴¹Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into _____ fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: Mt 25:41.

The Bible gives a good example of everlasting or eternal _____ with the burning of _____ and Gomorrah but those everlasting fires went out long ago. The everlasting fire is everlasting in its effect not in its duration. See note below.

⁷Even as _____ and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of _____ fire. Jude 1:7.

⁶And turning the cities of _____ and Gomorrah into _____ condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an _____ unto those that after should live ungodly; 2 Pet 2:6.

Ans: e. What about everlasting punishment what does this term mean? Mt 25:46; Rev 21:8; Rom 6:23.

⁴⁶And these shall go away into _____ punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Mt 25:46.

The everlasting punishment is _____ everlasting _____ but a death that lasts for ever. See note below.

⁸But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with _____ and brimstone: which is the second _____. Rev 21:8.

²³For the wages of sin *is* _____; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom 6:23.

Ans: f. And they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. The punishment of the wicked gives them no _____ day or night until it has _____ its _____. It is a fearful thing to receive the mark of the beast or worship this corrupt system by accepting _____ sacredness and the doctrine of the immortality of the soul that teaches falsely that souls burn on without end rather than as the Bible teaches that they are destroyed for ever being brought to ashes.

The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth. Every trace of the curse is swept away. No _____ burning hell will keep before the ransomed the fearful consequences of sin.

One reminder alone remains: Our Redeemer will ever bear the _____ of His _____. Upon His wounded _____, upon His _____, His _____ and _____, are the only traces

of the cruel work that sin has wrought. Says the prophet, beholding Christ in His glory: "He had bright beams coming out of His side: and there was the hiding of His power." Habakkuk 3:4, margin. That pierced side whence flowed the crimson stream that reconciled man to God--there is the Saviour's glory, there "the hiding of His _____." "Mighty to save," through the sacrifice of redemption, He was therefore strong to execute justice upon them that despised God's mercy. And the tokens of His _____ are His highest _____; through the eternal ages the _____ of Calvary will show forth His praise and declare His power. See note below.

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THOSE THAT KEEP THE SABBATH WITH PATIENCE HAVING THE FAITH OF JESUS CONTRASTED WITH THOSE THAT WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

5. In contrast to those that receive the mark of the beast and worship his image, who remain faithful to God and what identifying characteristics do they have? Rev 14:12; Mt 10:22; Rev 12:17; Ps 119:126; Rev 22:14; Heb 11:6; Eph 2:8-10.

Ans: a. ¹²Here is the _____ of the saints: here are they that _____ the commandments of God, and the _____ of Jesus. Rev 14:12.

Ans: b. Here is the patience of the saints. The word _____ in the original Greek of the New Testament is the word *kvqpp pof* (*vmpopy*) meaning: "steadfastness, constancy, _____, a patient, steadfast _____ for, in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest _____ and sufferings, a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance." The Enhanced Strong's Lexicon.

The temptations of Satan are manifold; but those to which our attention is called in the text are unbelief and impatience. "Knowing this, that the _____ of your faith worketh patience." Impatience, then, is the _____ of a _____ of _____. "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." If we do not maintain the _____ of patience, we shall _____ reach a state of _____. Some of us have a nervous temperament, and are _____ as quick as a flash to think and to _____; but let no one think that he cannot learn to become patient. Patience is a plant that will make rapid growth if carefully cultivated. By becoming thoroughly acquainted with ourselves, and then combining with the _____ of God a firm _____ on our part, we may be conquerors, and become perfect in all things, wanting in nothing.

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Ans: c. Here are they that keep the commandments of God. Since _____ who _____ God's commandments are thus placed in _____ with _____ that _____ the beast and his image and receive his mark, it follows that the _____ of God's law, on the one hand, and its _____, on the other, will make the distinction between the worshippers of _____ and the worshippers of the _____. The sign of obedience is the _____ of the _____ of the fourth commandment. If men keep the fourth commandment, they will keep all the rest. It was _____ human voice that spoke to Moses, giving him the _____ as a _____. "The Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily My _____ ye shall _____: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: everyone that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul be cut off from among his people." There is to be a _____ placed upon God's people, and that mark is the _____ of His holy Sabbath.

Those who in the face of these specifications refuse to repent of their transgressions will realize the result of disobedience. Individually we need to inquire, In observing a day of rest, have I drawn my _____ from the _____, or from a spurious representation of truth? Every soul who fastens himself to the divine, everlasting covenant, made and presented to us as a sign and mark of God's government, fastens himself to the golden chain of obedience, every _____ of which is a _____. He shows that he regards God's Word as above the word of man, God's _____ as preferable to the love of _____. And those who repent of transgression, and return to their loyalty by accepting God's mark, show themselves to be true subjects, ready to do His will, to obey His commandments. True _____ of the Sabbath is the sign of _____ to God.

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