# The Last Message of Mercy to be Given to the World

Isa. 60: 1 - 3

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Isa. 60: 1 - 3

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. Isa. 60: 1 - 3

### 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.



In the midst of its symbolic language, this passage mentions:

#### The wrath of God.

What is the wrath of God?

Only by allowing scripture to interpret scripture and by rightly dividing the word of God can we correctly understand what is meant by the term: wrath of God, and the mechanism by which it operates.

Verse 12 mentions the only character qualities which will endure when the "wrath" of God will be "poured out" without mixture.

The <u>keeping</u> of the faith of Jesus and the commandments of God.

This is true gospel experience

As we shall discover: the *faith* of Jesus gives us the correct understanding of what is called the *wrath* of God because that *faith* fully revealed the Character/ glory of God.

### Principles of Interpretation

The following scriptures spell out the methods of how to establish *truth* and avoid error however traditional and popular that error might be.

1 Cor. 2: 11 - 13

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.



1 Cor. 2: 11 - 13

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1 Cor. 2: 11 - 13

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

2 Tim 2: 15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

# Jesus is the clearest and fullest Declaration of the Character and Truth of God.

John 1: 18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

Hebrews 1: 1 to 3

1God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Hebrews 1: 1 to 3

3 who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;



John 8: 12

12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.



2 Cor. 4: 6

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

1 John. 2: 8

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

1 John 1: 5

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

## Two Different Kinds of Wrath

James 1: 17 to 20

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. James 1: 17 to 20

18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.



James 1: 17 to 20

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

It is clear from James 1:20 that there are **two** kinds or types of **wrath:** 

1. The wrath of man, (= wrath of Satan) the type we are most familiar with in terms of how it operates, this wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God.

And please note that the Greek word translated *righteousness* here is *dikaiosune* which is also translated *justice*.

Right away we understand that man's method of achieving human justice is not the same as God's method because it is not in harmony with God's righteousness!

2. The other type of wrath is the wrath of God which (by clear implication from James 1: 20) definitely works the righteousness of God!

**Romans 7: 12** 

# Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Psalm 145: 17

The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, And holy in all his works.

#### **Proverbs 12: 28**

In the way of righteousness *is* life; And *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

Romans 7: 12 declares that the moral *law* of God is *just or righteous*.

Man's wrath therefore breaks God's law; whereas God's wrath *does not* break God's law.

Since God is righteous in *all* His ways, it means all His ways are in harmony with **His Law** which is the transcript of His character.

God's moral law is not an imposition of arbitrary do's and don'ts upon His creatures, it is the law of Agape Love, the expression of His absolutely righteous character.

Matthew 22: 35 - 40

35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Matthew 22: 35 - 40

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment.



Matthew 22: 35 - 40

39 And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

So how does God exercise wrath without breaking His law?

As we shall prove from scripture, since God is Love and since He is the God of freedom there is only *one way* in which He can exercise what is called His wrath.

We close this section with 3 texts:

1 John 4: 8

### He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

2 Cor. 3: 17

# Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

Isaiah 55: 8,9

For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## The Wrath of God PART 2



We start again with James 1: 19,20 from the NIV

19My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.



20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.



These texts of scripture make it clear that we are **not** to interpret God's wrath by our understanding of **man's** wrath.

Because they are **not** the same.

Man's wrath does not work the righteousness of God

Therefore God's wrath must operate completely differently from man's wrath.

#### The Apostle Paul Explains

Romans 1: 16 to 28

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.



18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:



27 and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;



Note carefully that in Romans 1:18 Paul states that the **wrath** of God is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men....

Then in verses 24, 26, 28 >>> Paul states clearly that *God gave them up or gave them over*.

Paul is saying God exercises His wrath by *giving* up those who reject His righteousness.

#### **The Berean Question**

Acts 17: 10, 11

And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews.



Acts 17: 10, 11

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Luke 16:31

And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The Bereans would have asked Paul where in the Hebrew scriptures such an explanation can be found.

Hosea 11: 7, 8, 9

7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him.



Hosea 11: 7, 8, 9

8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

Hosea 11: 7, 8, 9

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.



In Hosea 11:8 God asked His backsliding people a question:

"How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? How shall I deliver thee Israel?"

Read carefully and see that "in giving them up" He would have made them as Admah and Zeboim (cities of the plain that were destroyed along with Sodom and Gomorrah> see Genesis 14: 1 to 3 and Genesis 18: 24, 25.)

And in verse 9: in <u>not giving them up He would not be</u> <u>executing the fierceness of His anger</u>; neither would He be <u>destroying</u> them!

Therefore the *mechanism* of execution of God's wrath or fierce anger, the mechanism of how His wrath produces destruction is by *His giving up* those who reject His righteousness.

This is the clear message of the prophet Hosea.

And Hosea mentions it also in:



#### **Hosea 4: 6**

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Jer 9:23,24

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:



Jer 9:23,24

24 but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.



Hosea 4: 17

## Ephraim *is* joined to idols: let him alone.

But the Apostle Paul did not depend only on one prophet, he reasoned with people out of the scriptures.

Acts 17: 2

and Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,



#### **Other Prophets**

Isaiah 54: 7, 8, 9.

# For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

Isaiah 54: 7, 8, 9.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.



Isaiah 54: 7, 8, 9.

9 For this *is as* the waters of Noah unto me: for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

**Isaiah** 59:2

but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear. **Ezekiel 7: 3,4** 

Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will <u>recompense upon thee all thine</u> abominations.

**Ezekiel 7: 3,4** 

4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.



#### Psalm 81: 10 to 14

I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt:

Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice;

And Israel would none of me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust:

And they walked in their own counsels.



Psalm 81: 10 to 14

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, And Israel had walked in my ways!
14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, And turned my hand against their adversaries.

Job 22: 15 to 18

Hast thou marked the old way Which wicked men have trodden? 16 Which were cut down out of time, Whose foundation was overflown with a flood:

Job 22: 15 to 18

17 Which said unto God, Depart from us: And what can the Almighty do for them? 18 Yet he filled their houses with good *things:* But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

### GOD's Message to Moses

15 And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?

18 And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

In reading the list of consequences or curses of disobedience in Deuteronomy 28:15 to the end of the chapter, the Hebrew verbs (which are translated causatively by translators ) were actually written in the permissive sense.

We can look at a few of them....



### The Mechanism of Separation

The mode of operation of God's wrath = God giving up those who reject His righteousness = the mechanism of separation from His righteousness



#### 2 Chronicles 15: 1, 2

1 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: 2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

Matthew 23: 37, 38.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.



# The Wrath of God PART 3

## God's Agape and Wrath Fully Revealed by Jesus.

#### **Matthew 11: 27**

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.



John 5: 19, 20

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.



John 5: 19, 20

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

John 14: 6 to 11

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.



John 14: 6 to 11

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?



#### John 14: 6 to 11

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.



1 John 1: 5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.



 Scripture (Isaiah 53) teaches the doctrine of Jesus being our Substitute and Surety in order to redeem mankind.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.



2 Cor 5: 19 to 21

to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2 Cor 5: 19 to 21

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**Romans 5: 18.** 

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.



In fact 2 Corinthians 5: 21 tells us that God dealt with Jesus the same way He deals with *sin*.

Sin incurred the full wrath of God

Jesus therefore had to suffer the full wrath of God for humanity in order that humanity might receive the full righteousness of God in Christ!

What amazing salvation!
What amazing Agape Love!



As our Substitute and Surety, Jesus had to suffer the *full* wrath of God for the Adamic fall and our collective/corporate human sins.

The Apostle Paul uses the same explanation he uses in Romans 1 for our Saviour's suffering wrath for us all.

Paul says that Jesus was *Jesus was delivered over; God gave Jesus up.* 

Jesus himself uses the same terminology: *delivered*Let us read the scriptures

**Romans 4: 25** 

# who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification

**Romans 8: 32** 

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?



Luke 9: 44

Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.



**Matthew 27: 46** 

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Since our sins were not imputed to us but were laid upon our Substitute and Surety our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore the ultimate salvation or condemnation of any individual depends on *fixing the mind* in acceptance or rejection of Christ and His salvation and righteousness.

And this is what Jesus and the Apostle Paul tell us: consider the following texts.

John 3: 16 to 19

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



John 3: 16 to 19

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3: 16 to 19

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.



I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Hebrews 3: 14

### For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;



John 3: 35,36

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. 36He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.



John 6: 37

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.



### The Wrath of God Part 4

#### Love, Freedom of Choice and Wrath

**God is Love** 

Where the Spirit of God is, there is liberty

**God gives** <u>freedom of choice to all</u> and He respects that freedom and cannot violate it.

The law of Love is the law of freedom.

Both Love and freedom are transcripts of God's character.

Let's examine the scriptures:



1 John 4:16

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 2 Cor. 3: 17

## Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

Revelation 22: 17

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.



God's Agape Love does not, in fact, cannot hurt anyone. It is separation from God's love and righteousness that produces hurt.

**Romans 13: 10** 

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.



**Proverbs 12: 28** 

In the way of righteousness *is* life; And *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death.

**Proverbs 8: 35, 36** 

For whoso findeth me findeth life,
And shall obtain favour of the LORD.
36 But he that sinneth against me
wrongeth his own soul: All they that hate
me love death

God's Agape Love does not, in fact, cannot employ tactics of fear or compulsive force.

God cannot force Himself where He is <u>not</u> wanted.



1 John 4: 16 - 19

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4: 16 - 19

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.



1 John 4: 16 - 19

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us.

#### Zechariah 4: 6

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

There is therefore only one way in which God can exercise what is called His **wrath** or His justice and it is this:

Those who choose to reject His ways of righteousness, He gives them up to their wrong choices and they are thus separated from His righteousness with disastrous consequences.

When Israel rejected God's counsel concerning having a King like the other nations around them, God gave them up to their choice .(1 Samuel 8)

This was an example of what the Bible calls His wrath or anger.

And when the 'chosen' king departed, unrepentantly, from God's righteousness, he also suffered wrath.

Hosea explains:



Hosea 13:9 to 11.

O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. 10 I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? 11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath.

Notice that in Hosea 13: 11, it is said that God *took away* Saul in His wrath.

In 1 Chronicles 10: 14 it is written down that God *slew* King Saul

In 1 Samuel 31: 4 it is written down that Saul killed himself

So we see different linguistic expressions expressing the end result of God's wrath exercised upon Saul, further verifying that God's wrath means what the Apostle Paul explains in Romans 1....

.....that God exercises His wrath by *giving up* those who reject His righteousness ways to their own way and its consequences.

### "Wrath Mixed with Mercy"

- When God gave Israel human kingship in His *anger*, it was *anger* mixed with mercy.
- Those kings who followed righteousness were blessed and protected in their allotted time of leadership,
- ....whereas those who refused to follow God's righteousness, were "taken away in wrath", that is, *given up*, sooner rather than later.
- You can read the entire book of Hosea and see the mercy of God in dealing with backsliding Israel until there was no remedy left.

Even when God exercised wrath on Israel for their persistent backsliding and they were given up or delivered over to their enemies (for example Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon) ....

....it was wrath mixed with mercy and God hoped they would understand, learn their lesson and genuinely repent so He could heal and restore them.

But their repentance was not sustained and they spiraled downhill until they rejected the Messiah and His Apostles (31 to 34 AD) and they were given up to destruction by the Romans in 70 AD.

#### **Hosea 4: 6**

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. 2 As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.

3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them. 4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love: and I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.



5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. 6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour them, because of their own counsels.



7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. 8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.



9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.



# The Wrath of God Part 5

## The Principle of Sowing and Reaping

Galatians 6: 7,8

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.



Hosea 8: 7 first part

For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up

#### **Romans 8: 5 to 10**

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

**Romans 8: 5 to 10** 

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.



#### **Romans 8: 5 to 10**

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Notice that the *sowing* and *reaping* do not cross the boundaries of the *kingdoms* of *light* and *darkness*.

The consequences of sowing to Satan's kingdom are not reaped from God's Kingdom

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**James 1: 17** 

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.



#### 1 John 1:5

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Darkness, with all that it includes, can only come from the kingdom of darkness.

Light, with all that it includes, can only come from the Kingdom of Light.



**Colossians 1: 12, 13** giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:



Rom 13: 12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

2 Cor 6: 14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?



Other examples of how to correctly interpret, are given in 2. Thess 2:10 to 12 and 2 Chron 18:18-22

#### 2 Thessalonians 2: 10 to 12

and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 2 Thessalonians 2: 10 to 12

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2 Thessalonians 2: 10 to 12

12 that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.



19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?

21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the LORD said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so.



22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.



The words in 2 Thess. read that "God will send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie"

And the words in 2 Chron. Read that God put a lying spirit in the mouth of the Prophets.

But God does not lie, neither does he cause people to be deluded or to be deceived.

Titus1: 2

# in hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

#### Romans 3: 4

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written,
That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings,

And mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Jere.14: 14

Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Jere.23: 32

Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

#### John 8: 44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

So the correct understanding of "God shall send them strong delusion..." is:

"And for this cause, *God will give them up* to the power of deceit and they will put their faith in what is false" (Bible In Basic English)

"For this reason, *God will <u>allow</u> them* to follow false teaching so they will believe a lie." (New Life Version)

- God's mercy holds back the rampaging perverted forces of darkness so that we do not immediately reap the ultimate destruction which sin has sown because Jesus was allowed to suffer the consequences of our sowing and reaping for us.
- Those who finally fix their minds against Christ and His salvation will, at the appointed time, be allowed to reap, from the forces of darkness, the ultimate consequence of that rejection, the second death.

**Rev.7: 1 - 3** 

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

**Rev.7: 1 - 3** 

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, **Rev.7: 1 - 3** 

3 saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.



Rev. 2: 11

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

**Romans 6: 23.** 

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### The Wrath of God Part 6

### "Have No Rest Day nor Night"

Revelation 14: 9 to 11

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,



#### Revelation 14: 9 to 11

10 the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:



Revelation 14: 9 to 11

11 and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

The end-time worship of the beast, its image, and reception of its mark will incur the *Wrath of God unmixed with mercy*.

That means God will *give up* or *deliver up* those who reject His true worship, and His righteousness, because they would have rejected all the evidences and clear light of His truth beyond remedy.

Also the solemn pronouncement is made that they will have *no rest* 

This undoubtedly indicates that they would have rejected God's Rest.

....and God will give them up to the unrest they have chosen.

#### Matthew 11: 28 to 30

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*.



3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, If they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.



Mark 2: 27,28

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: 28therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

In Mark of the Beast end-time crisis, *keeping the faith of Jesus* and the commandments of God will include keeping His rest
The end-time remnant people of God will learn of Him that
He is meek and lowly of heart and will have His <u>rest in their</u>
souls!!

And according to Paul when we enter into His rest we keep the Seventh day Sabbath holy as He did at the end of creation week.

The eternal Son of God was the One by Whom the Father created all created things.

The Son of God created all things and by Him all things consist or hold together.

**Colossians 1: 16, 17.** 

for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In Heaven, before Lucifer's departure from God's law of Love, he and all the angels would have been seeing the meekness and humility of the Son of God.

And would have enjoyed rest to their souls

The Eternal Son is described as the Word or Wisdom of God

And the Father channeled all His Power through the Son for creation.

When Lucifer chose to focus on his own self exaltation he began to reject and to hate the meekness and humility of Eternal Wisdom and to assert that such character qualities were useless.

Ezekiel 28: 15 to 17

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.



Ezekiel 28: 15 to 17

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28: 15 to 17

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Isaiah 14: 12 to 14

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isaiah 14: 12 to 14

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:



Isaiah 14: 12 to 14

# 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

The eternal principle of *Agape Love* is the principle that eternal Power must always and only function through eternal Wisdom for the accomplishment of perfect work and *rest*.

This requires eternal Wisdom to be always in submission to the Father *in* meekness and humility, (the mindset of the Son of God), as the eternal basis of Rest.

Power must be <u>completely</u> covered by Wisdom / Righteousness/ Truth
The resultant Rest is the <u>proof</u> that all power is <u>sealed</u> in Righteousness
Lucifer knew that <u>Seal</u> before he his departure from it. (Ezekiel 28:12)
Seven is the number of completeness in the Divine economy.

Proverbs 9: 1

Wisdom hath builded her house, She hath hewn out her seven pillars: **Isaiah 32: 17** 

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.



In the creation of our planet and Solar system, The Godhead illustrated the principle of Proverbs 9:1 in creating our Solar system in six days and making the Seventh day the Sabbath of rest to show the **eternal** principle of Eternal Power functioning through, and being covered with Eternal Wisdom by Eternal Love for the production of a perfect creation.

**Romans 1: 20** 

## For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen,

Romans 1: 20.

being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:



Satan therefore hates what the Seventh day Sabbath represents.

It represents the eternal fact that all the Father's Power must be channeled through His Son, which is the principle of eternal Agape Love.

It shows that the Son of God, Eternal Wisdom, is Lord of *Rest*.

And that Satan could never exalt himself above the Son of God.



Satan had been successful in overthrowing the faith of one-third of the angels in heaven

He then attacked the faith of Adam and was also successful in overthrowing Adam's faith as well.

He thus became the 'god' of this world.

And proceeded to implement long term plans to exalt himself above the Son of God in the fallen world.

The eternal Son in order to redeem the world became a human person and took on our corporate fallen flesh

He brought the faith, meekness, humility and mindset of the Son of God into humanity where now, as the faith of the man Christ Jesus, and as the mindset of the man Christ Jesus it would be severely tested.

Jesus' faith was tried and tempted beyond measure progressively, especially when He had to endure His Father's <u>wrath against our</u> corporate guilt.

But through it all Jesus developed the gold standard faith of Jesus which transcended pre-fall angelic or Adamic faith!!

Jesus as our Representative Man, by His faith working by Agape Love produced perfect obedience to the law of love and endured and overcame the horrors of God's wrath for humanity.

After exhausting the unmixed wrath of God against all human transgression, He cried out "It is finished " and then died, was buried and rose again the third day.

He thereby vanquished Satan and exposed him to be a liar and murderer from the outset of his rebellion.

Both Daniel 7:25 and 2 Thessalonians 2 reveal that the defeated and desperate Satan devised plans to set up organizational systems of error to deceive the world into ripping the seventh day Sabbath-*seal* out of God's law and replacing it with his own mark, under a guise of celebrating Christ's resurrection.

And then waiting the opportune time to set up a one world system to enforce his Mark and remove God's seal and God's people who will have the Seventh day Sabbath seal of the immutable moral law of love.

The Revelation 18: 1 to 4 final lightening the earth with God's glory will present the truth of God's character, the true gospel and invite all to accept the faith of Jesus and God's Sabbath Rest.

Warning them that the wrath of the Lamb will mean Jesus giving them up to their own way with destructive consequences

Then there will be but **two classes** 

The vast majority willfully deceived into believing or going along with Satan's lies on God's character and false Sunday rest in a USA led global system.

A small remnant who will have received and who will keep the faith of Jesus, the commandments of God, God's Seventh Day Sabbath Rest, and the patience of the saints. And who will know and experience the truth of God's character and reflect that character to the world!

Now is the time to be ready.

