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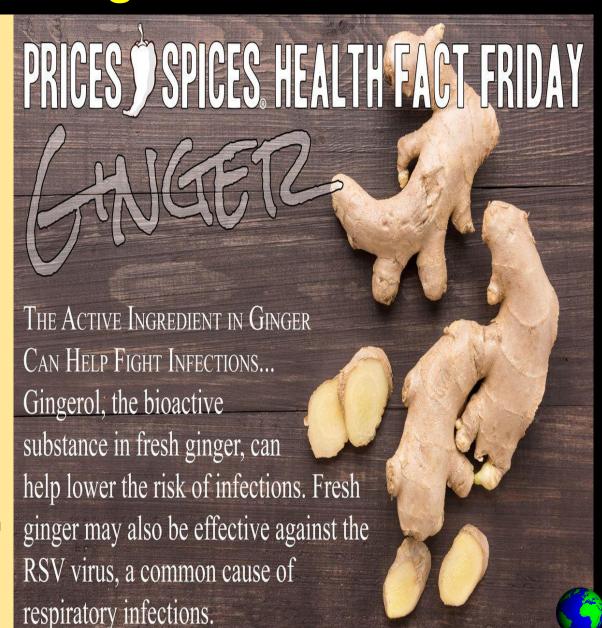
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#### Introduction

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#### A Living Example

#### **Observe the internal relationships**:

We are now looking at a living example of the relationships inside of the church that will be the relationships of the wheat and the tares at the end.

The apostles differed widely in habits and disposition. There were the publican, Levi-Matthew, and the fiery zealot Simon, the uncompromising hater of the authority of Rome; the generous, impulsive Peter, and the mean-spirited Judas; Thomas, truehearted, yet timid and fearful, Philip, slow of heart, and inclined to doubt, and the ambitious, outspoken sons of Zebedee, with their brethren. {DA 296.2}

They were all different. Aren't we all different?

These were brought together, with their different faults, all with inherited and cultivated tendencies to evil; {DA 296.2}



Do you stumble over each other's faults?
Do you get annoyed about another person's faults? They did too. They even complained about Jesus.

...but in and through Christ they were to dwell in the family of God, learning to become one in faith, in doctrine, in spirit. They would have their tests, their grievances, their differences of opinion; {DA 296.2}

Do you like that? As soon as somebody has got a different opinion to you, what do you do?

...but while Christ was abiding in the heart, there could be no dissension. His love would lead to love for one another; the lessons of the Master would lead to the harmonizing of all differences, bringing the disciples into unity, till they would be of one mind and one judgment. {DA 296.2}





It doesn't happen like that, in a moment.

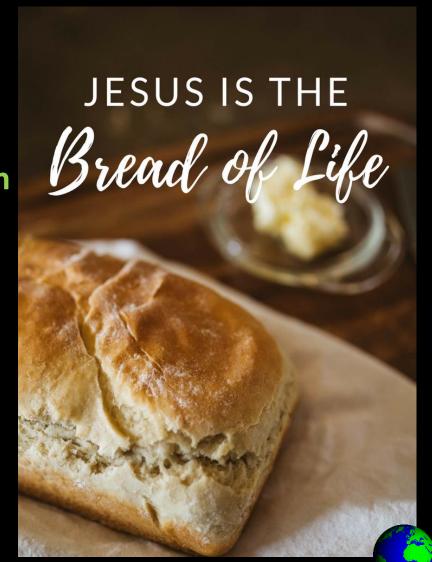
Christ is the great centre, and they would approach one another just in proportion as they approached the centre. {DA 296.2}

Isn't that beautiful? There was a time when Jesus was preaching, and He said, I am the bread of life, if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever. The seventy left Jesus after this event, but what did Judas do?

Christ's discourse in the synagogue concerning the bread of life was the turning point in the history of Judas. {DA 719.1}

The disciples didn't know that this was happening in his heart.

He heard the words, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you." John 6:53. He saw that Christ was offering spiritual rather than worldly good. He regarded himself as farsighted, {DA 719.1}



#### He was a very keen thinker,

...and thought he could see that Jesus would have no honor, and that He could bestow no high position upon His followers. He determined not to unite himself so closely to Christ but that he could draw away. He would watch. And he did watch. {DA 719.1}

He became suspicious. What did he start doing from that time? Now something is beginning to show amongst the disciples, and they weren't quite discerning it yet. But notice how it happens; here is the relationship between the wheat and the tares:

From that time he expressed doubts that confused the disciples. He introduced controversies and misleading sentiments, {DA 719.2}



We are dealing with the relationship between the wheat and tares. When you are all happy studying God's word together, yes, it is cutting across your own opinion, but it's Jesus speaking, it's fine; but then all of a sudden someone comes and says, Do you really believe that? That is what Judas did. Careful, now you can begin to see, the tare is working.

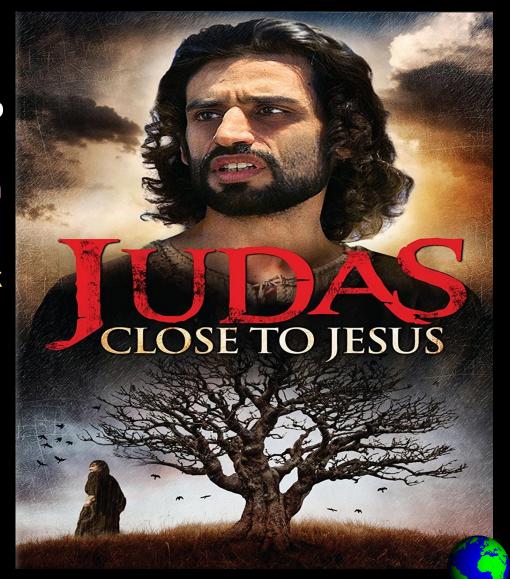
...repeating the arguments urged by the scribes and Pharisees against the claims of Christ. All the little and large troubles and crosses, the difficulties and the apparent hindrances to the advancement of the gospel, Judas interpreted as evidences against its truthfulness. He would introduce texts of Scripture that had no connection with the truths Christ was presenting. {DA 719.2} This is how it happens.



These texts, separated from their connection, perplexed the disciples, and increased the discouragement that was constantly pressing upon them. Yet all this was done by Judas in such a way as to make it appear that he was conscientious. And while the disciples were searching for evidence to confirm the words of the Great Teacher, Judas would lead them almost imperceptibly on another track. {DA 719.2}

They were trying to see and make sure for themselves that this was the Messiah, and Judas was saying, "Look at this. See that? That can't be right."

Thus in a very religious, and apparently wise, way he was presenting matters in a different light from that in which Jesus had given them, and attaching to His words a meaning that He had not conveyed. His suggestions were constantly exciting an ambitious desire for temporal preferment, and thus turning the disciples from the important things they should have considered. The dissension as to which of them should be greatest was generally excited by Judas. {DA 719.2}



He was the one who was behind it all. In the whole sad scenario the consequence of this evil procedure began to bear fruit. These are the realities of the relationship between the wheat and the tares as it arrives at the harvest time. Judas was coming to his harvest time. The disciples were coming to their harvest time. We are here learning the powerful lesson for us in our harvest time of the end of the world.

I tell you, my brethren, the Lord has an organized body through whom He will work. There may be more than a score of Judases among them, {3SM 17.3}

How many? More than a score. What is a score? Twenty. There might be in the church more Judases than faithful people.

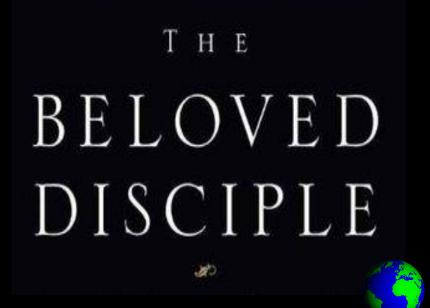




...there may be a rash Peter who will under circumstances of trial deny his Lord. There may be persons represented by John whom Jesus loved, but he may have a zeal that would destroy men's lives by calling down fire from heaven upon them to revenge an insult to Christ and the truth. But the great Teacher seeks to give lessons of instruction to correct these existing evils. He is doing the same today with His church. He is pointing out their dangers. He is presenting before them the Laodicean message. {3SM 17.3}

"I know you, wake up, your works are not right." But if you listen to Judas, he will say, Don't pay any attention like in the time of Judas and the disciples? What was the BELOVEDrelationship when Judas had finally revealed his true character? What did he do to Jesus? Did he not deliver Jesus to His enemies? How will more than a score of Judases reveal themselves in the last days? Our own brethren?





#### The Angels Messages

The messages of Revelation 14:6-13 and Revelation 18:1-4 are the three angels' messages and the fourth angel. What did Jesus say about the harvest? who is going to do the separating? The angels. These messages of Revelation 14 and 18 are testing messages that come from Jesus, and whether the people are going to listen to them is the issue. He identifies the beast, and his image; and he identifies those that keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus. That is the testing message that is bundling the wheat and the tares.

I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, "Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner. These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention." {EW 118.1}



This should occupy the whole mind and the whole attention because we are living in the time of the harvest. When the fellowship in the church goes through the experiences similar to what happened with Judas and the disciples, what are we going to expect in this time when these messages are really doing their work?

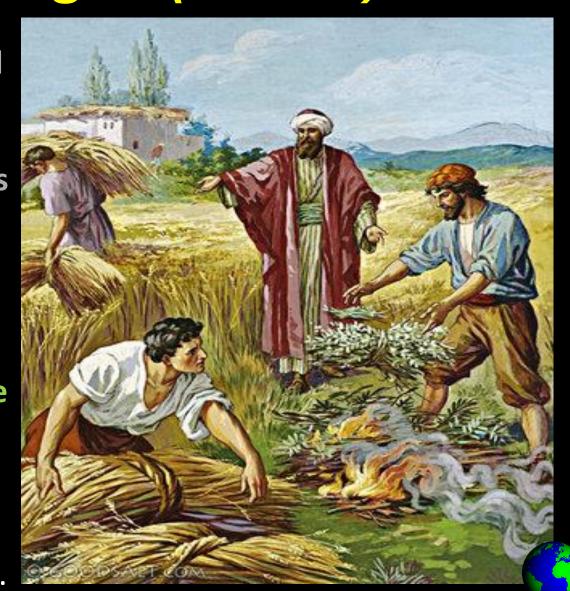
Some in the church will prove to be false brethren; their faith, their love, their patience, their constancy will be tested and tried; and if they are not rooted and grounded in the truth, if they are not filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and the praise of God, they will become offended at reproofs and warnings, will not humble their souls before God, and will go back and walk no more with those who love the truth. {RH, December 11, 1888 par. 15}



That is what the harvest time will do. How will they manifest themselves? They will say, "I can't stay with you anymore, I am set up to my throat with your behaviour of following all these things that I can't see are right; I've tried to tell you all this time that it's wrong, it's wrong. I can't stay here."

Do not be surprised if great changes are made. Do not wonder if the men who felt themselves capable of handling the consciences of their fellowman, and of controlling the minds and talents God has given them should go back, and walk no more with these who believe the truth. {ChL 64.3}

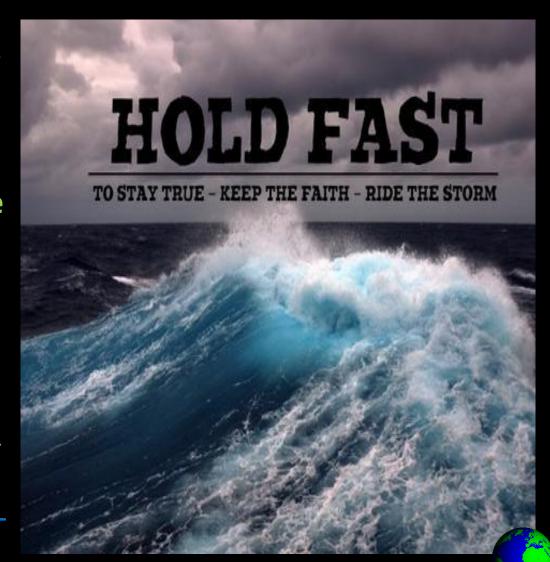
How do they reveal themselves? They are people who are so capable and astute that they want to rule your mind. They want to control your Christian behaviour. They will walk no longer with those who love the truth.



The truth makes too great a demand upon them. When they see that they must die to self, and practice the principles of self-denial, they are displeased because they cannot gratify their ambitious desire to rule other men. Their true characters will appear. {ChL 64.3}

What is their true character? Jesus said, You are not to be like the Gentiles, where the princes rule over them. That is the Gentiles; and if you are going to behave yourself like the Gentiles, to rule over the flock of God, then this is not the character of heaven.

Some will make total shipwreck of the faith. "They went out from us, but they were not of us," said John, and so it will be again. {ChL 64.3} Hold fast to the truth, the precious, sanctifying truth. You are then in the best of company, {ChL 64.4}

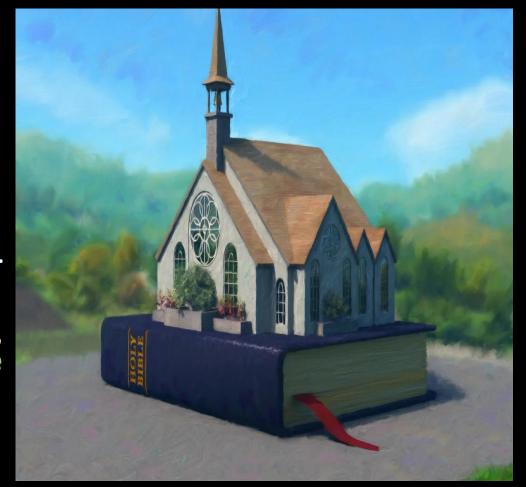


You want to be in the best company?
Be with those who cling to Jesus and the truth of the three angels' messages.

...and the very highest intelligences are beholding your course of action. You are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. Under provocation, your work is to hold the faith and a good conscience, "Which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck." {Chl 64.4}

Here comes the separation in the time of the harvest. The separation takes place because these people can't stand it anymore. The three angels' messages and all their purity are too much. They can't rule you, and they can't keep up with the pace. But if there are more than a score of Judases in the church, what about the remnant? What will the Judases do?

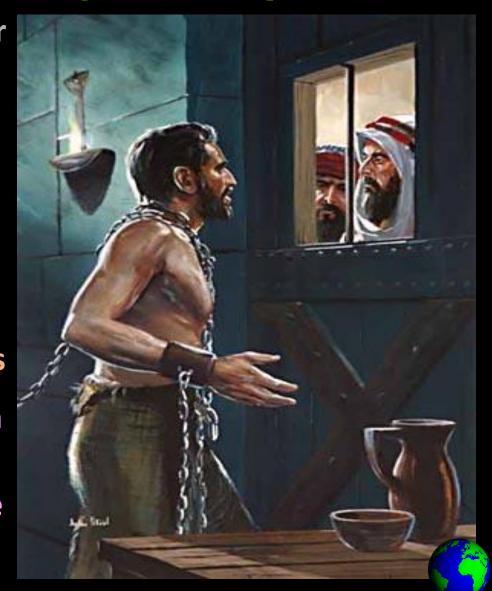
Kings, governors, and great men will hear of you through the reports of those who are at enmity with you, and your faith and character will be misrepresented before them. {Mar 253.2}





They will do exactly what Judas did; they will deliver us to the authorities. That is what they will do.

As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. By uniting with the world and partaking of its spirit, they have come to view matters in nearly the same light; and when the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy. popular side. Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren. When Sabbath keepers are brought before the courts to answer for their faith, these apostates are the most efficient agents of Satan to misrepresent and accuse them, and by false reports and insinuations to stir up the rulers against them. {GC 608.2}



We will be in the courts, because we will be brought to the attention of men who don't know us by our own former brethren who don't want to be part of us anymore. They will do what Judas did to Jesus. That is what happens in the time of the harvest. These are the relationship tangles that God's church is going to go through, and is going through. The text of Isaiah 66:5 qualifies this experience perfectly. These are people who are still professing Christianity. They are still part of the church. What will they do?

Isaiah 66:5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word;

The ones who are really honest with God, what do they do? They tremble at His word.

Isaiah 66:5 ...Your brethren that hated you [the more than a score of Judases], that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified:



"Praise the Lord! These people are out." They will disown us; they will claim that we are disturbers of the peace. They will say, "You are causing dissension, you are causing trouble. Get out of here." This is what will happen because you are following what is written and the others don't want to follow what is written.

Those who are faithful sentinels will be charged by the world as being the disturbers of its peace, they will be charged with stirring up strife and with creating divisions. But they will only be bearing the reproach that fell on Christ. {RH, July 24, 1894 par. 5}

That's all. If this happens to us, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

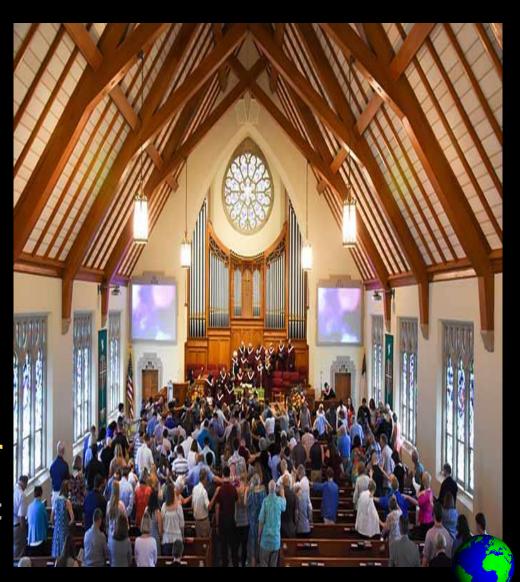
The opposition which Christ received came from his own nation [His own church], who would have been greatly blessed had they accepted him. In like manner the remnant church receive opposition from those who profess to be their brethren. {RH, August 28, 1883 par. 13}



The remnant church receives opposition from their own brethren. Are you now getting the picture of what the remnant church is? Their own church organisation will push out the faithful people, and they, the faithful ones, are the remnant church, not those who have pushed them out. They will cast you out and say, Let the Lord be glorified!

Isaiah 66:5 ...but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

In the time of the harvest, the final burning hasn't taken place yet, it is just a separation. But when the final burning comes, what will they say? The relationship between the wheat and the tares appears like it stops there, but it doesn't yet. After the separation has taken place, the relationship between the wheat and the tares continues. What will the tares say when the separation takes place and the shame is being revealed?



Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

They knew the truth, but now the circumstances have come around, like with Judas. Judas recognised, Oh no. And what did he do? He hung himself. They won't have time to hang themselves because there will be plenty of trouble falling down around their ears. What will they do with the wheat that are still visible before them? They are still in relationship with some of the wheat. In this terrible time, after the close of probation, when it is ready to burn, this is what will happen:

Revelation 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews [those who claim they are Christians], and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.



"They threw you out, and now I am going to show them." Here is the relationship of the wheat and the tares when it is too late:

The 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name. At our happy, holy state the wicked were enraged, and would rush violently up to lay hands on us to thrust us into prison [just like Judas caused the Pharisees to do to Jesus], when we would stretch forth the hand in the name of the Lord, and they would fall helpless to the ground. {EW 15.1}

Do you remember that this is what happened with Jesus? Peter cut off the ear of the high priest's servant, and Jesus said, Don't do that; put your sword back in the sheath. Then the mob came there and His glory shone through and they all fell to the ground. It is going to happen again to God's people.

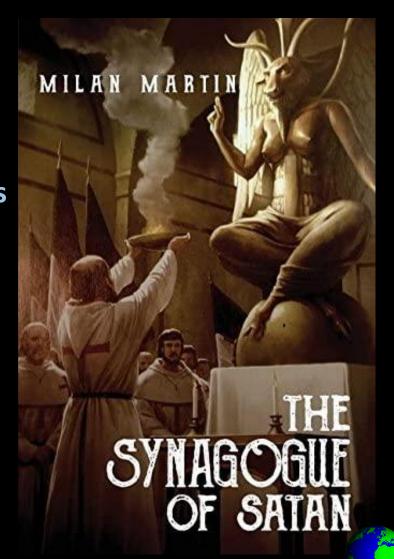




Then it was that the synagogue of Satan knew that God had loved us who could wash one another's feet and salute the brethren with a holy kiss, and they worshiped at our feet. {EW 15.1}

The love of the brethren – Remember, By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. The faithful remnant church, the people who are the loyal ones of Jesus, in their relationship with their false brethren in the time of the harvest and the time of separation, they will relate together in such a way that Jesus will now come to their glory and joy. He will come to those faithful few, while the other ones say, "It's all over. Oh dear, you are right, and I've been wrong. It's too late."

We worship a God who is a master of relationships. He can orchestrate human beings until they will show their true characters. Let us enter into a deep, lasting relationship with Him. Be honest with Him, don't mock Him, He knows us. If we will submit to Him, He will take us through to glory through these terrible times. He will satisfy our relationship longings when friends, relatives and false Christians forsake us.

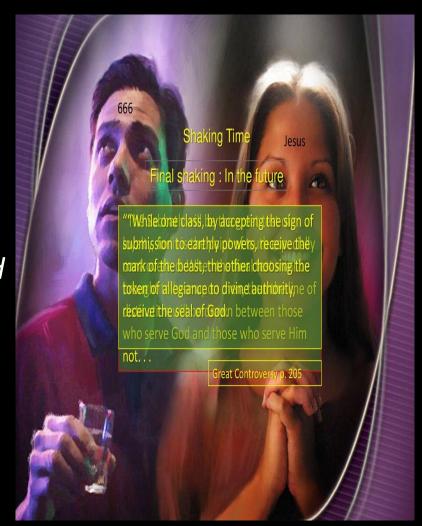


#### The final shaking

"For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; {Ezekiel 38:19}

"Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. {Ezekiel 37:4-7}

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans. This will have its effect upon the heart of the receiver, and will lead him to exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth. Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people. {Early Writings, page 270.2}

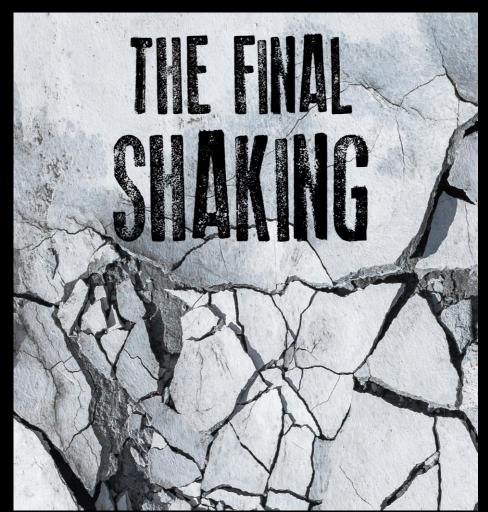




"For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us. {Amos 9:9-10}

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. {2 Timothy 4:1-2}

"The mighty shaking has commenced and will go on, and all will be shaken out who are not willing to take a bold and unyielding stand for the truth and to sacrifice for God and His cause. The angel said, "Think ye that any will be compelled to sacrifice? No, no. It must be a freewill offering. It will take all to buy the field.... {Early Writings, page 50.3}





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"The history of Elijah and Elisha needs to be brought out in clear lines, that our people may understand the importance of the work of reform to be carried on in this age. Oh, that our people might have the assurance that their feet are standing on the sure foundation! {S.D.A. Bible Commentary, Vol. 2, page 1037.5}

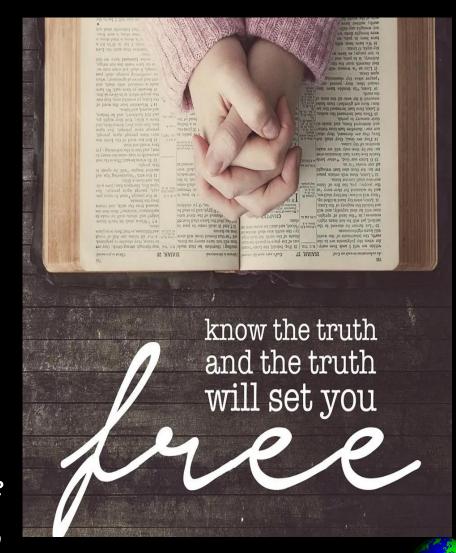
"Just as long as God has a church, he will have those who will cry aloud and spare not, who will be his instruments to reprove selfishness and sins, and will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or forbear. I saw that individuals would rise up against the plain testimonies. It does not suit their natural feelings. They would choose to have smooth things spoken unto them, and have peace cried in their ears. I view the church in a more dangerous condition than they ever have been. Experimental religion is known but by a few. The shaking must soon take place to purify the church. {Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 2, page 284.1}





"Preachers should have no scruples to preach the truth as it is found in God's word. Let the truth cut. I have been shown that why ministers have not more success is, they are afraid of hurting feelings, fearful of not being courteous, and they lower the standard of truth, and conceal if possible the peculiarity of our faith. I saw that God could not make such successful. The truth must be made pointed, and the necessity of a decision urged. And as false shepherds are crying, Peace, and are preaching smooth things, the servants of God must cry aloud, and spare not, and leave the result with God. {Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 2, page 284.2}

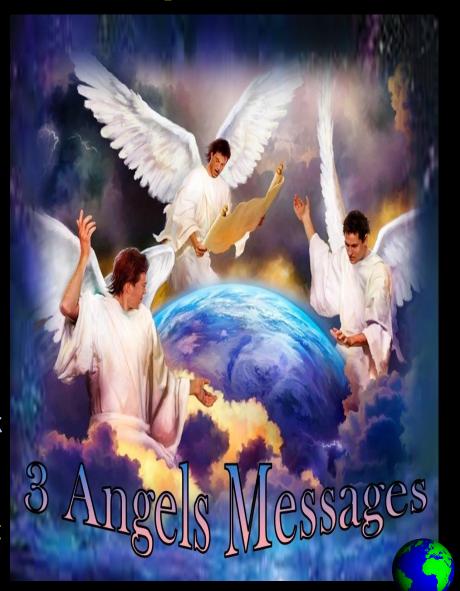
"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. {Hebrews 12:25-27}



"The people of God must see their wrongs and arouse to zealous repentance and a putting away of those sins which have brought them into such a deplorable condition of poverty, blindness, wretchedness, and fearful deception. I was shown that the pointed testimony must live in the church. This alone will answer to the message to the Laodiceans. Wrongs must be reproved, sin must be called sin, and iniquity must be met promptly and decidedly, and put away from us as a people. {Testimonies for the church, Vol. 3, page 260.1}

"Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?. {Jeremiah 23:29}

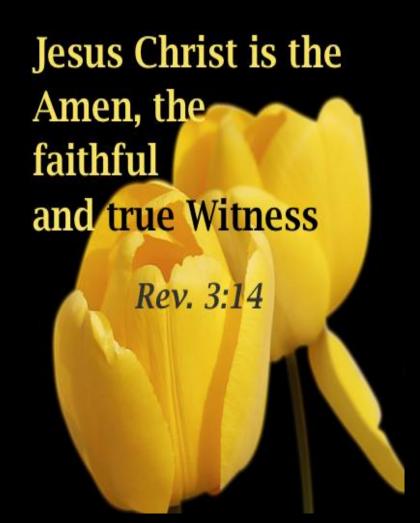
"The messages from heaven are of a character to arouse opposition. The faithful witnesses for Christ and the truth will reprove sin. Their words will be like a hammer to break the flinty heart, like a fire to consume the dross. There is constant need of earnest, decided messages of warning. God will have men who are true to duty. At the right time He sends His faithful messengers to do a work similar to that of Elijah. {Testimonies for the church, Volume 5, page 254.2}



"To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few--this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason.... {Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, page 136.2}

"Says the true Witness, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Every warning, reproof, and entreaty in the Word of God, or through His delegated messengers, is a knock at the door of the heart; it is the voice of Jesus, asking for entrance. With every knock unheeded, your determination to open becomes weaker and weaker. If the voice of Jesus is not heeded at once, it becomes confused in the mind with a multitude of other voices, the world's care and business engross the attention, and conviction dies away. The heart becomes less impressible, and lapses into a perilous unconsciousness of the shortness of time, and of the great eternity beyond. {S.D.A. Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, page 966 - 967}

"Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. {Isaiah 30:11}





"You knew the truth, you understood your duty, and you had rejoiced in the light of the truth; but because it interfered with your worldly pursuits, you were about to sacrifice truth and duty to your own convenience. You were looking at your own present pecuniary advantage and losing sight of the eternal weight of glory. You were about to make an immense sacrifice for the flattering prospect of present gain. You were just upon the point of selling your birthright for a mess of pottage. Had you turned from the truth for earthly gain, it would not have been a sin of ignorance on your part, but a wilful transgression. {Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 2, page 37.3}

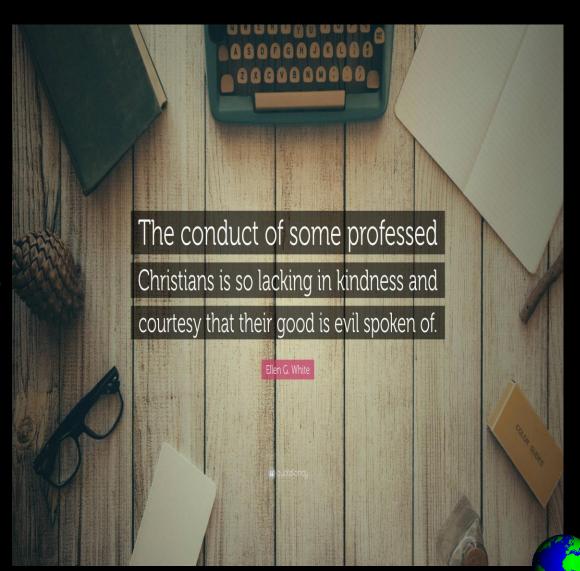
"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. {Luke 19:41-44}





"Why is it so hard to lead a self-denying, humble life? Because professed Christians are not dead to the world. It is easy living after we are dead. But many are longing for the leeks and onions of **Egypt.** They have a disposition to dress and act as much like the world as possible and yet go to heaven. Such climb up some other way. They do not enter through the strait gate and narrow way. {Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, page 131.2}

"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. {John 15:22}



"But let none act rashly. Learn as never before that you must be meek and lowly in heart. You must not bring a railing accusation against any, whether individuals or churches. Learn to deal with minds as Christ did. Sharp things must sometimes be spoken; but be sure that the Holy Spirit of God is abiding in your heart before you speak the clear-cut truth; then let it cut its way. You are not to do the cutting. {Selected Messages, Vol. 2, page 370.3}

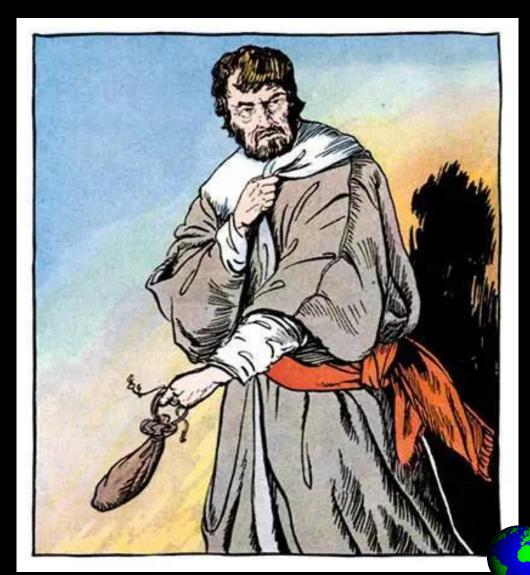
"We are not to use harsh and cutting words. Keep them out of every article written, drop them out of every address given. Let the word of God do the cutting, the rebuking; let finite men hide and abide in Jesus Christ. Let the spirit of Christ appear. Let all be guarded in their words... {Testimonies for the church, Vol. 9, page 244}



"There have ever been two classes among those who profess to be followers of Christ. While one class study the Saviour's life and earnestly seek to correct their defects and conform to the Pattern, the other class shun the plain, practical truths which expose their errors. Even in her best estate the church was not composed wholly of the true, pure, and sincere. Our Saviour taught that those who wilfully indulge in sin are not to be received into the church; yet He connected with Himself men who were faulty in character, and granted them the benefits of His teachings and example, that they might have an opportunity to see their errors and correct them. Among the twelve apostles was a traitor. Judas was accepted, not because of his defects of character, but notwithstanding them. He was connected with the disciples, that, through the instruction and example of Christ, he might learn what constitutes Christian character, and thus be led to see his errors, to repent, and, by the aid of divine grace, to purify his soul "in obeying the truth." GC 43.2



But Judas did not walk in the light so graciously permitted to shine upon him. By indulgence in sin he invited the temptations of Satan. His evil traits of character became predominant. He yielded his mind to the control of the powers of darkness, he became angry when his faults were reproved, and thus he was led to commit the fearful crime of betraying his Master. So do all who cherish evil under a profession of godliness hate those who disturb their peace by condemning their course of sin. When a favourable opportunity is presented, they will, like Judas, betray those who for their good have sought to reprove them. {The Great Controversy, page 43.2}



"If wrongs are apparent among His people, and if the servants of God pass on indifferent to them, they virtually sustain and justify the sinner, and are alike guilty and will just as surely receive the displeasure of God; for they will be made responsible for the sins of the guilty. In vision I have been pointed to many instances where the displeasure of God has been incurred by a neglect on the part of His servants to deal with the wrongs and sins existing among them. Those who have excused these wrongs have been thought by the people to be very amiable and lovely in disposition, simply because they shunned to discharge a plain, Scriptural duty. The task was not agreeable to their feelings; therefore they avoided it. {5T, P 676.1}

"The searching testimony of the Spirit of God "will separate those from Israel who have ever been at war with the means that God has ordained to keep corruptions out of the church. Wrongs must be called wrongs. Grievous sins must be called by their right name. All of God's people should come nearer to Him. . . . Then will they see sin in the true light and will realize how offensive it is in the sight of God." [VOL. 3, P. 324]

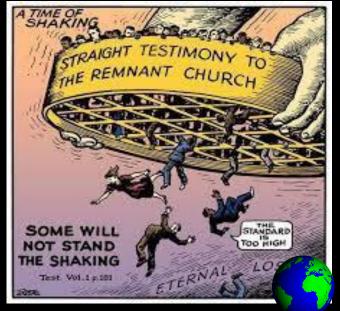
"The plain, straight testimony must live in the church, or the curse of God will rest upon His people as surely as it did upon ancient Israel because of their sins. {5T, p 676.2}

#### Being Called By God

"And He chose David His servant..."

There are two types of calling by God:
First, God calls us to Himself...
then He calls us to His purpose.

To neglect either calling is tragic!

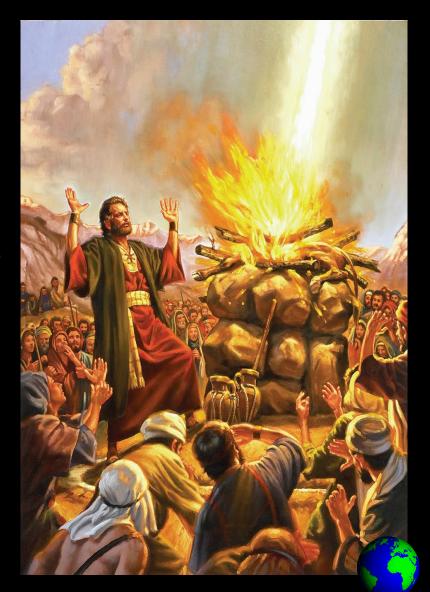


"Those who have been thrust out to bear a plain, pointed testimony, in the fear of God to reprove wrong, to labour with all their energies to build up God's people, and to establish them upon important points of present truth, have too often received censure instead of sympathy and help, while those who, like yourself, have taken a noncommittal position, are thought to be devoted, and to have a mild spirit. God does not thus regard them. The forerunner of Christ's first advent was a very plainspoken man. He rebuked sin, and called things by their right names. He laid the axe at the root of the tree. He thus addressed one class of professed converts who came to be baptized of him in Jordan: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. . . . And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." {Testimonies for the church, Vol. 1, page 321.1}

# WAKE UP CHURCH!



"Would that every minister might realize the sacredness of his office and the holiness of his work, and show the courage that Elijah showed! As divinely appointed messengers, ministers are in a position of awful responsibility. They are to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering." 2 Timothy 4:2. In Christ's stead they are to labour as stewards of the mysteries of heaven, encouraging the obedient and warning the disobedient. With them worldly policy is to have no weight. Never are they to swerve from the path in which Jesus has bidden them walk. They are to go forward in faith, remembering that they are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. They are not to speak their own words, but words which One greater than the potentates of earth has bidden them speak. Their message is to be, "Thus saith the Lord." God calls for men like Elijah, Nathan, and John the Baptist-men who will bear His message with faithfulness, regardless of the consequences; men who will speak the truth bravely, though it call for the sacrifice of all they have. {Prophets and Kings, page 142.1}



"Those who stand in defense of the honor of God and maintain the purity of truth at any cost will have manifold trials, as did our Saviour in the wilderness of temptation. While those who have yielding temperaments, who have not courage to condemn wrong, but keep silent when their influence is needed to stand in defense of the right against any pressure, may avoid many heartaches and escape many perplexities, they will also lose a very rich reward, if not their own souls. Those who are in harmony with God, and who through faith in Him receive strength to resist wrong and stand in defense of the right, will always have severe conflicts and will frequently have to stand almost alone. But precious victories will be theirs while they make God their dependence. His grace will be their strength. Their moral sensibility will be keen and clear, and their moral powers will be able to withstand wrong influences. Their integrity, like that of Moses, will be of the purest character. Testimonies for the church, Vol. 3, page 302.2





"Those who, while spending their life energies in self-sacrificing labour, are tempted to give way to despondency and distrust, may gather courage from the experience of Elijah. God's watchful care, His love, His power, are especially manifest in behalf of His servants whose zeal is misunderstood or unappreciated, whose counsels and reproofs are slighted, and whose efforts toward reform are repaid with hatred and opposition. {Prophets and Kings, page 173.2}

"God calls for men of decided fidelity. He has no use in an emergency for two-sided men. He wants men who will lay their hand upon a wrong work and say, "This is not according to the will of God." {Selected Messages, Vol. 2, page 153.1}





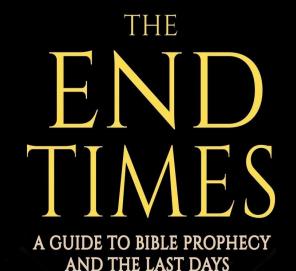
### Conclusion

We are approaching the end of this earth's history, and Satan is working as never before. He is striving to act as director of the Christian world. With an intensity that is marvellous he is working with his lying wonders. Satan is represented as walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He desires to embrace the whole world in his confederacy. Hiding his deformity under the garb of Christianity, he assumes the attributes of a Christian, and claims to be Christ Himself.--8MR 346.

The Word of God declares that when it suits the enemy's purpose, he will through his agencies manifest so great a power under a pretence of Christianity that, "if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" [Matthew 24:24].--Ms 125.

As the spirits will profess faith in the Bible and manifest respect for the institutions of the church, their work will be accepted as a manifestation of divine power.--GC 588.

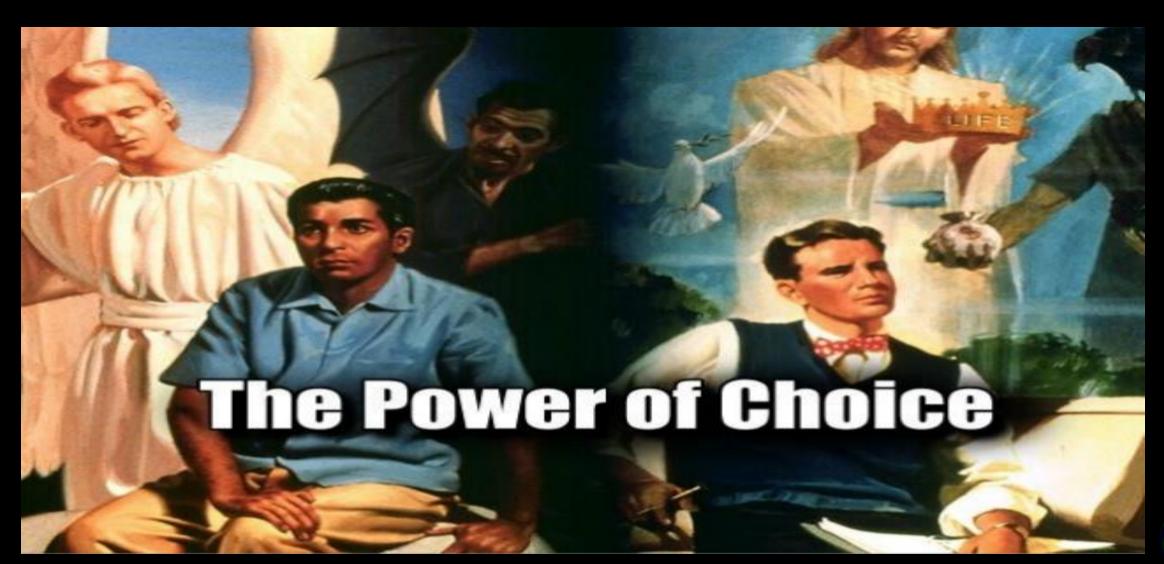
The strongest bulwark of vice in our world is not the iniquitous life of the abandoned sinner or the degraded outcast; it is that life which otherwise appears virtuous, honourable, and noble, but in which one sin is fostered, one vice indulged. . . . Genius, talent, sympathy, even generous and kindly deeds, may thus become decoys of Satan to entice souls over the precipice of ruin.--Ed 150



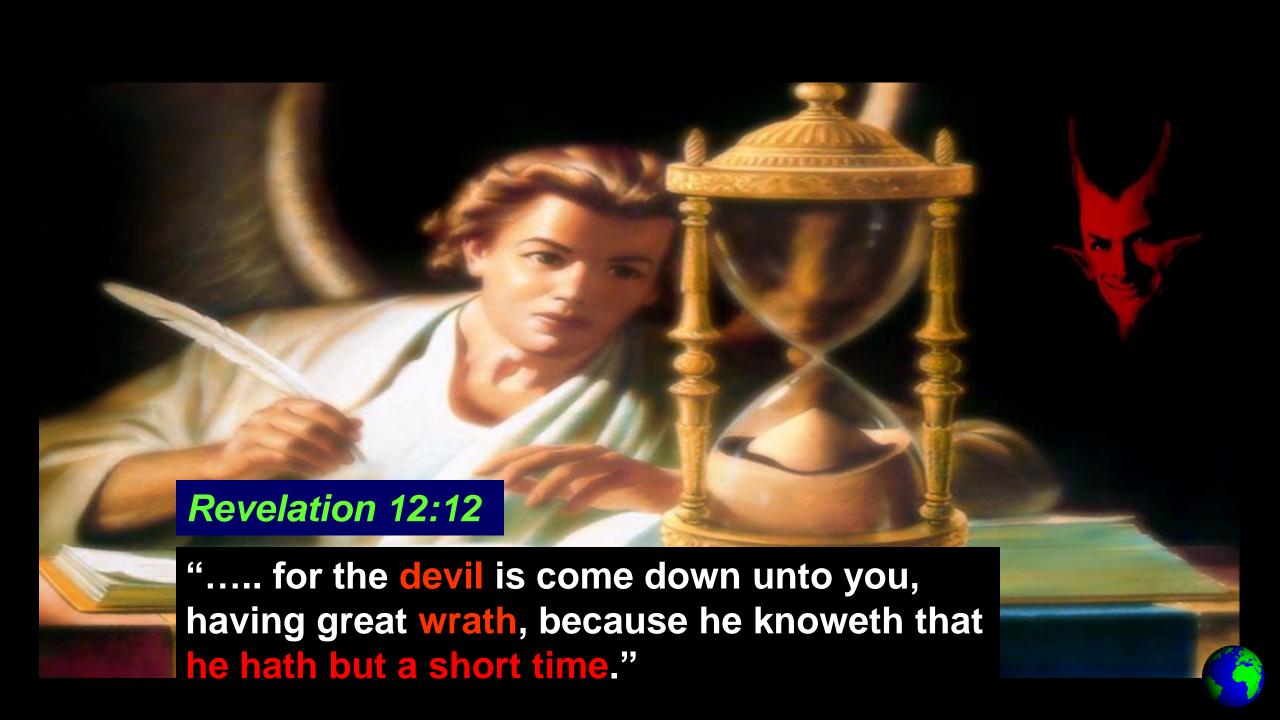




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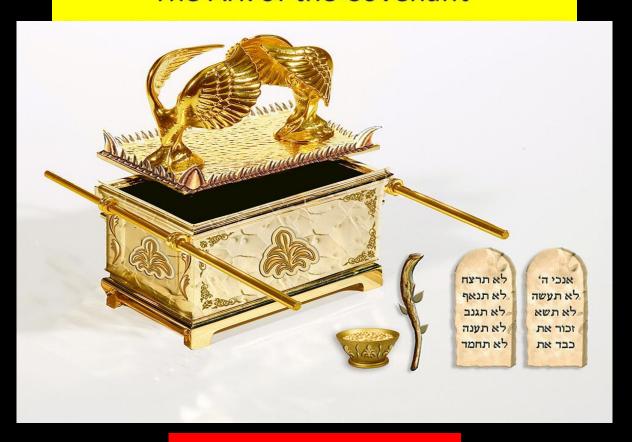
## Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16



### The Ark of the Covenant



**Psalms 77:13** 

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





