


# Adventism's Prophetic Role in the Great Controversy



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Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. **They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed.** The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the mysteries that have been hidden from the minds of men.

— TM 116.1





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*What Role Does the 2300-day Prophecy Have?*



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The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith was the declaration: “Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14 —  
GC 409.1

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The subject of the sanctuary was the key which unlocked the mystery of the disappointment of 1844. It opened to view a **complete system of truth, connected and harmonious**, showing that God's hand had directed the great advent movement and revealing present duty as it brought to light the position and work of His people.

— GC 423

# Importance of Sanctuary Message

- ✦ The great plan of redemption, as revealed in the closing work of these last days, should receive close examination. The scenes connected with the sanctuary above should make such an impression upon the minds and hearts of all that they may be able to impress others. All need to become more intelligent in regard to the work of the atonement, which is going on in the sanctuary above. **When this grand truth is seen and understood, those who hold it will work in harmony with Christ to prepare a people to stand in the great day of God, and their efforts will be successful.** By study, contemplation, and prayer God's people will be elevated above common, earthly thoughts and feelings, and will be brought into harmony with Christ and His great work of cleansing the sanctuary above from the sins of the people. 5T 575

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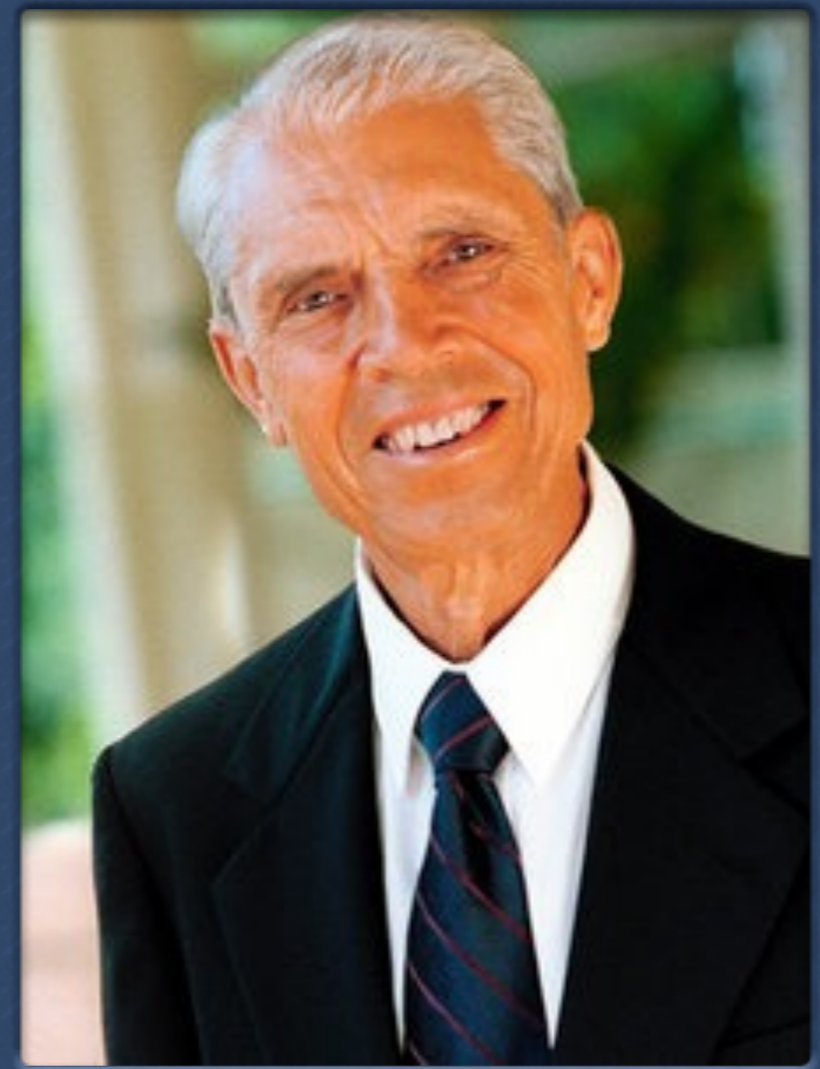
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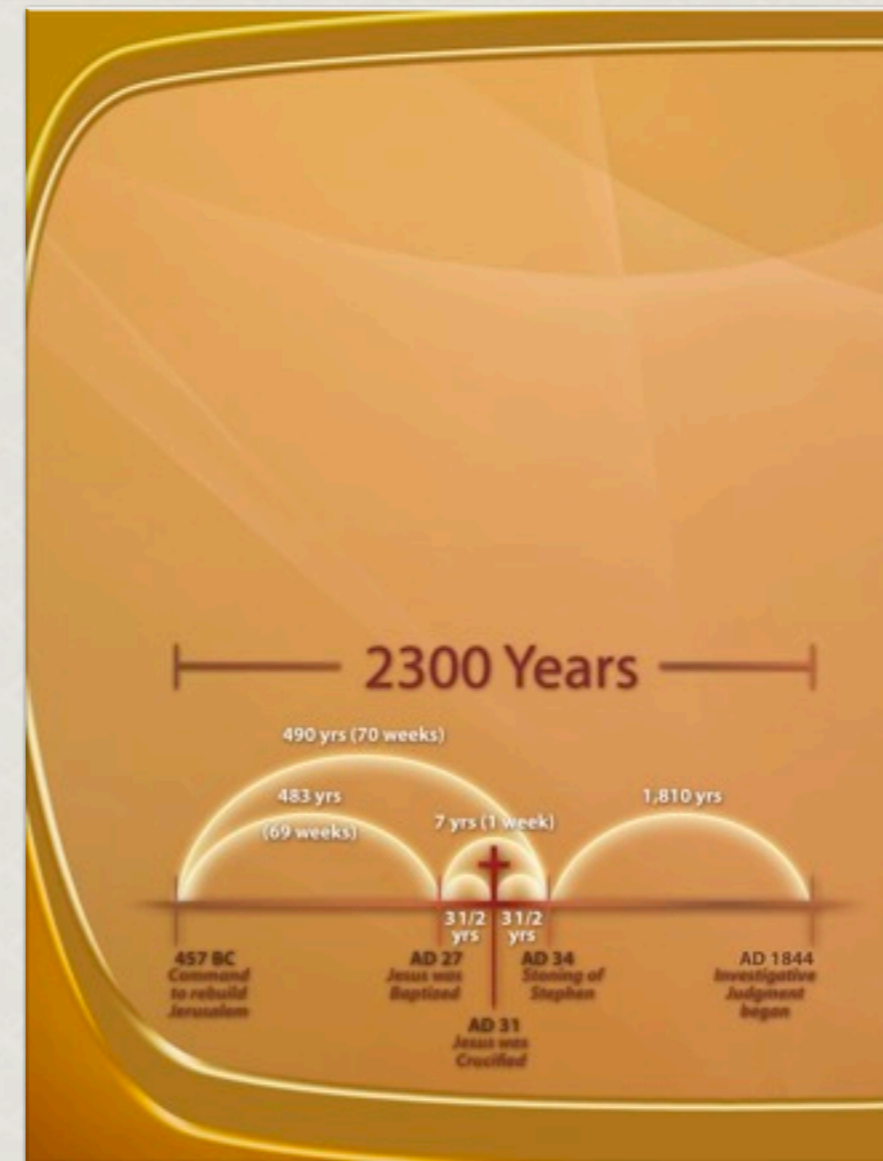


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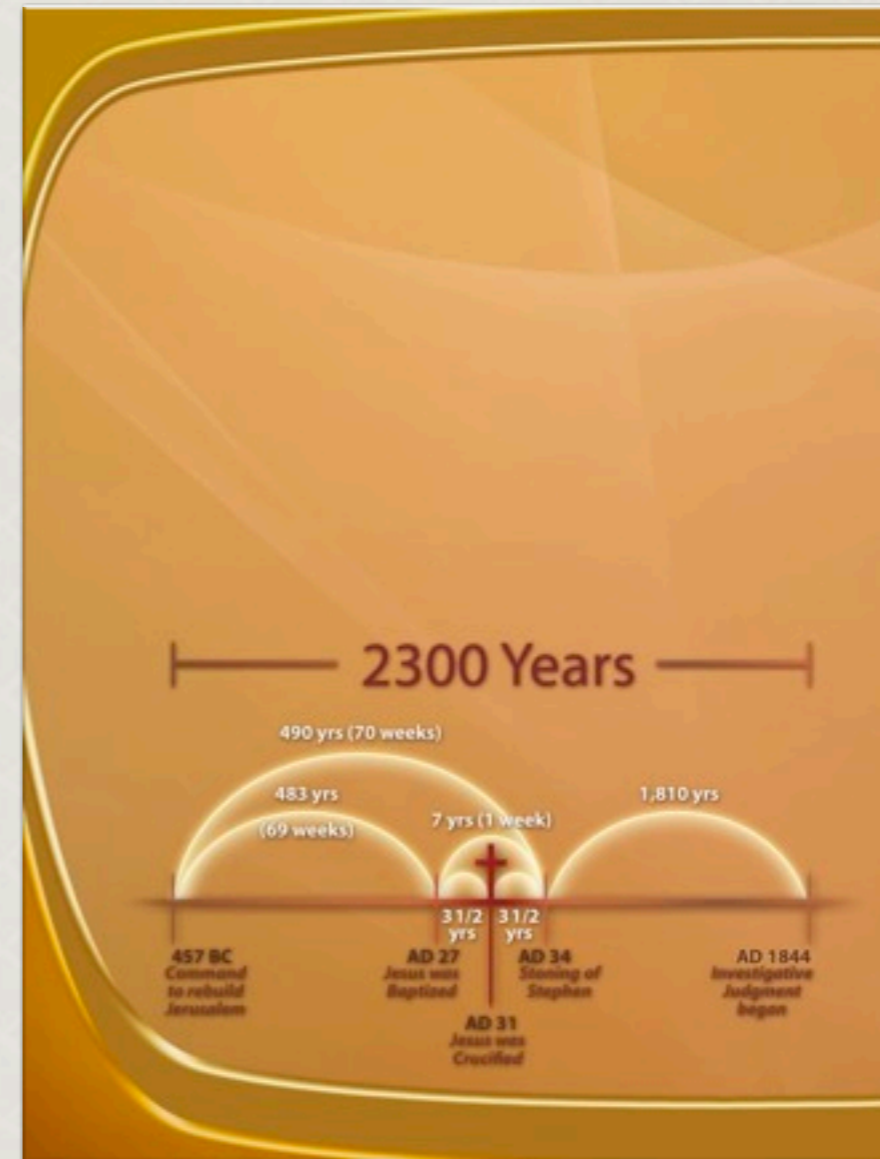


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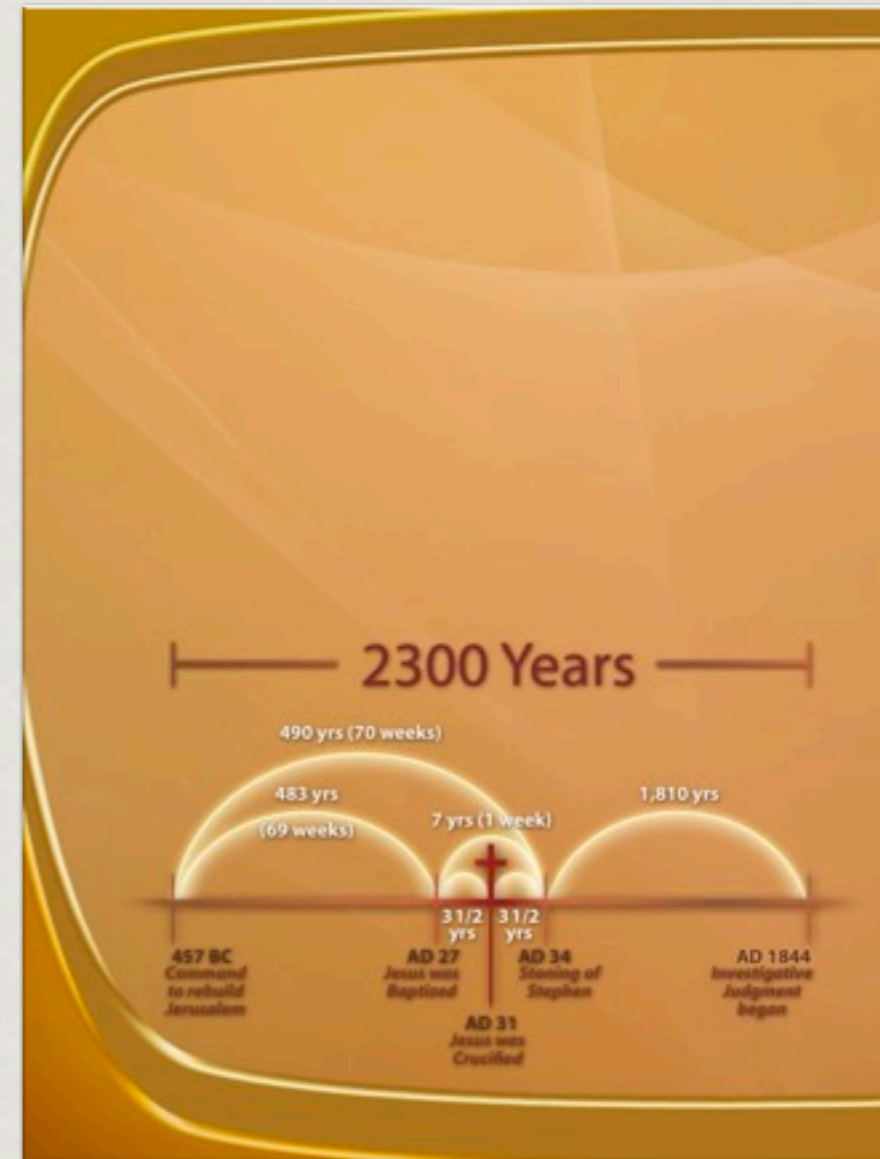
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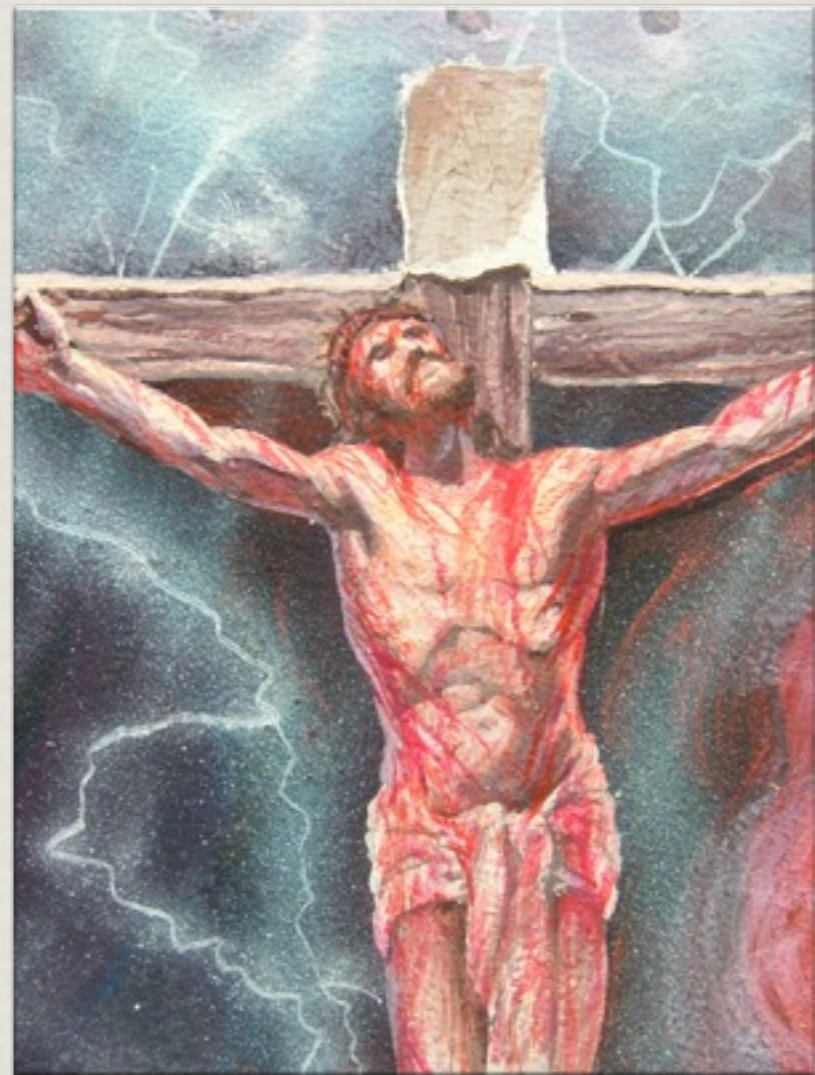
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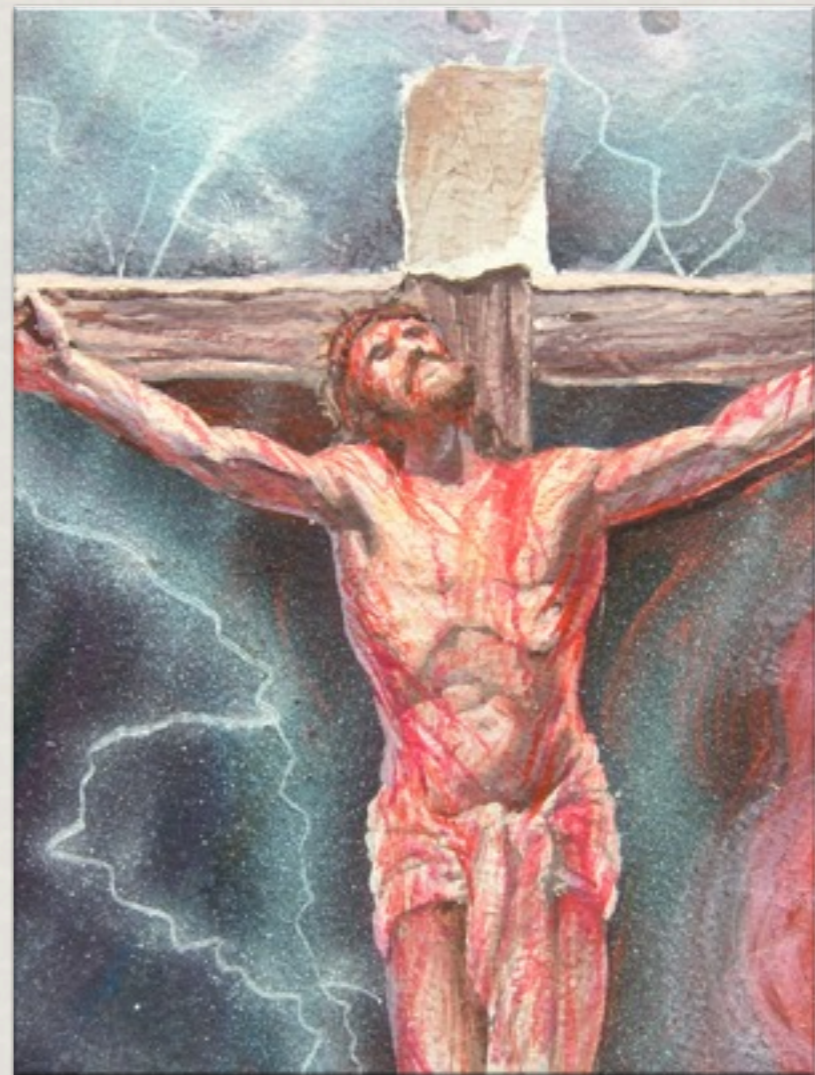


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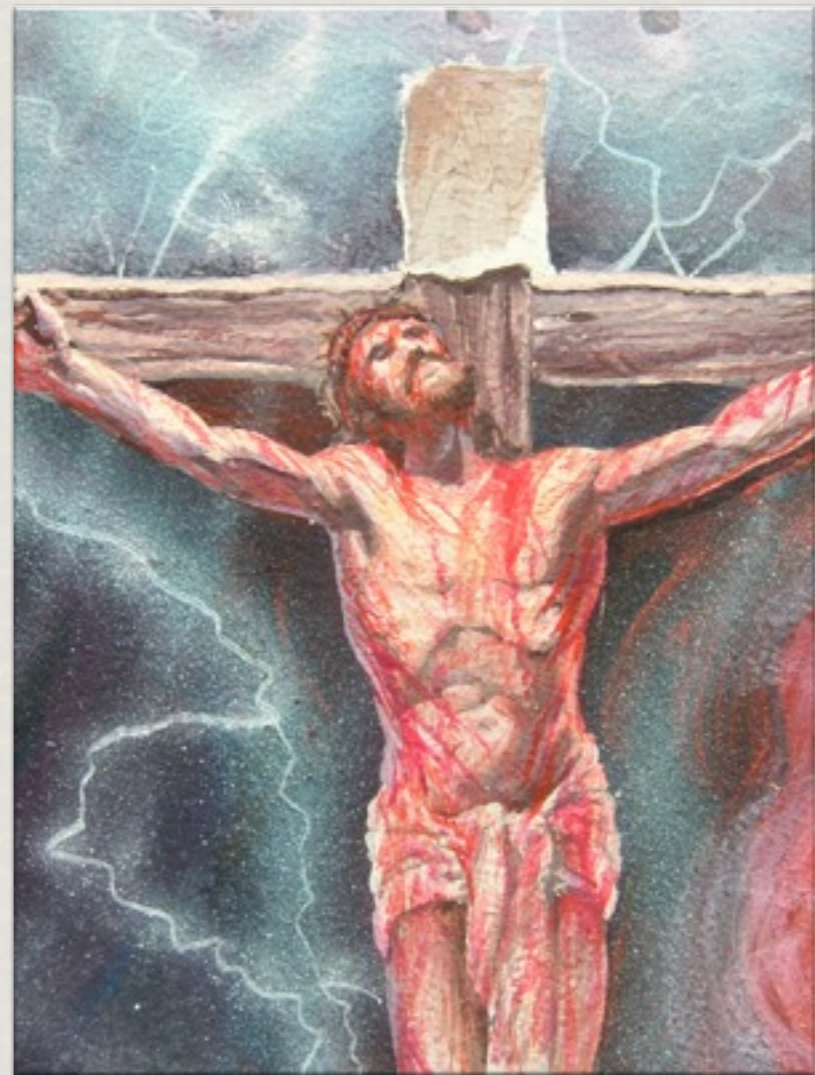
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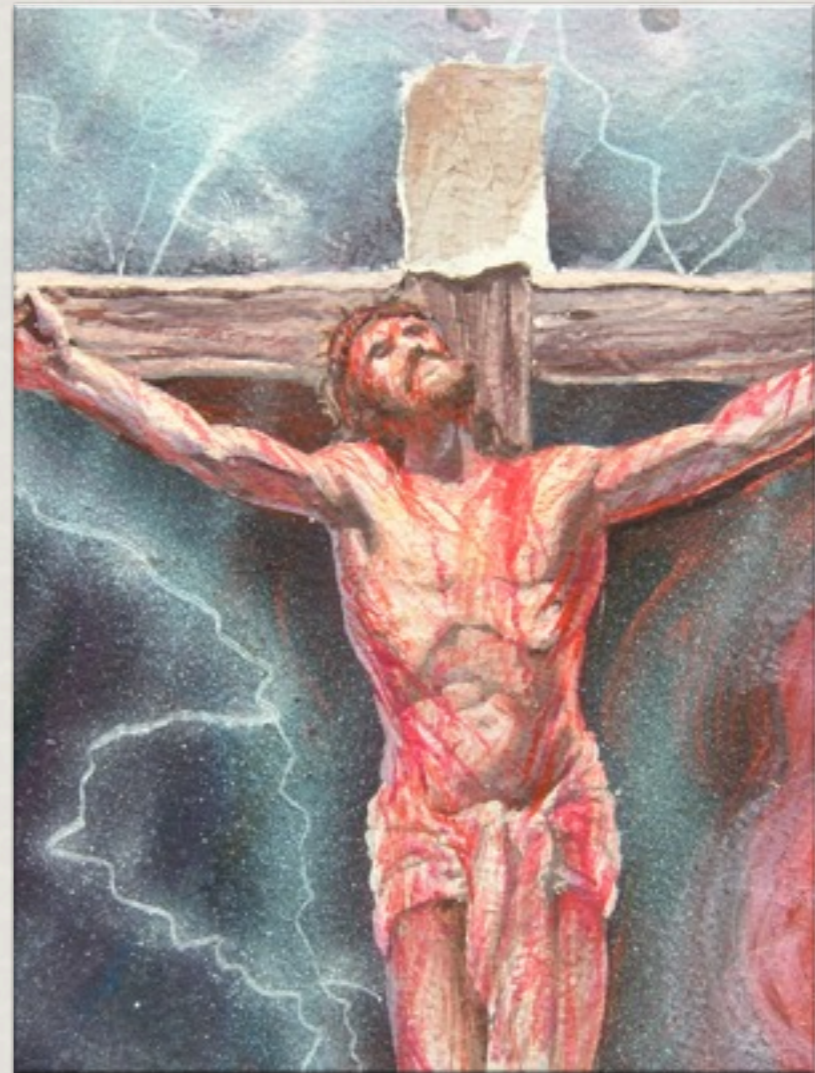
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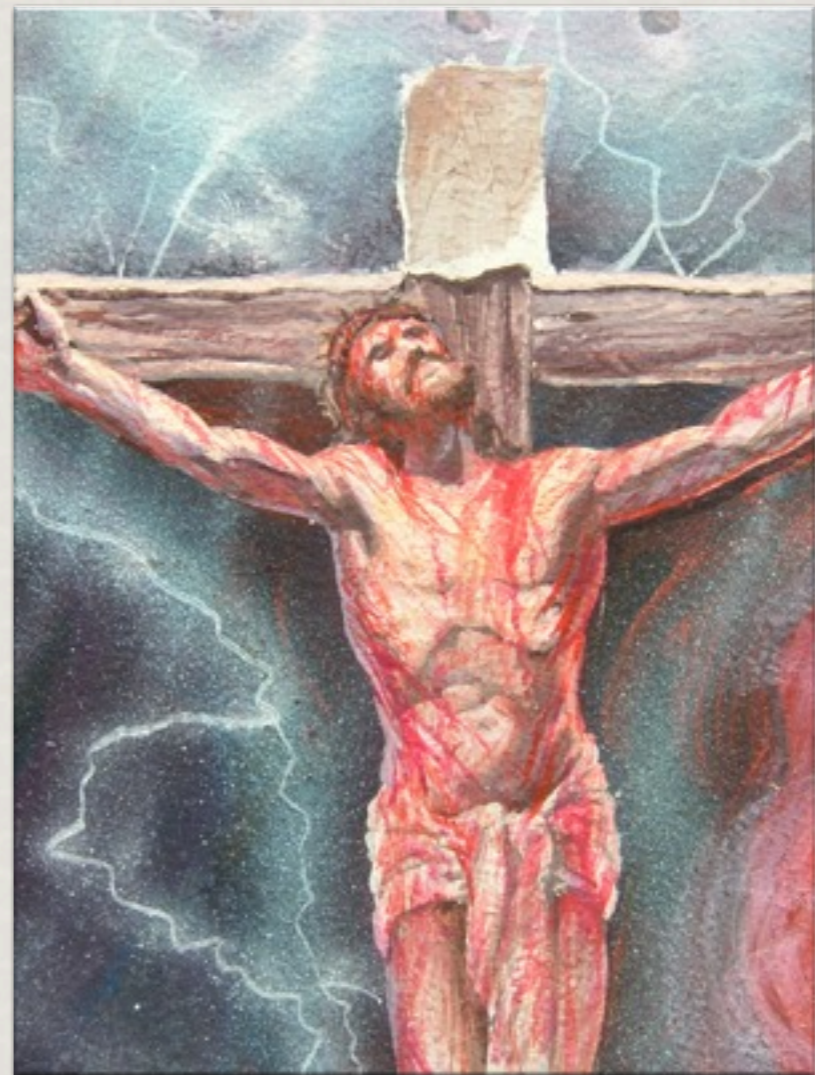
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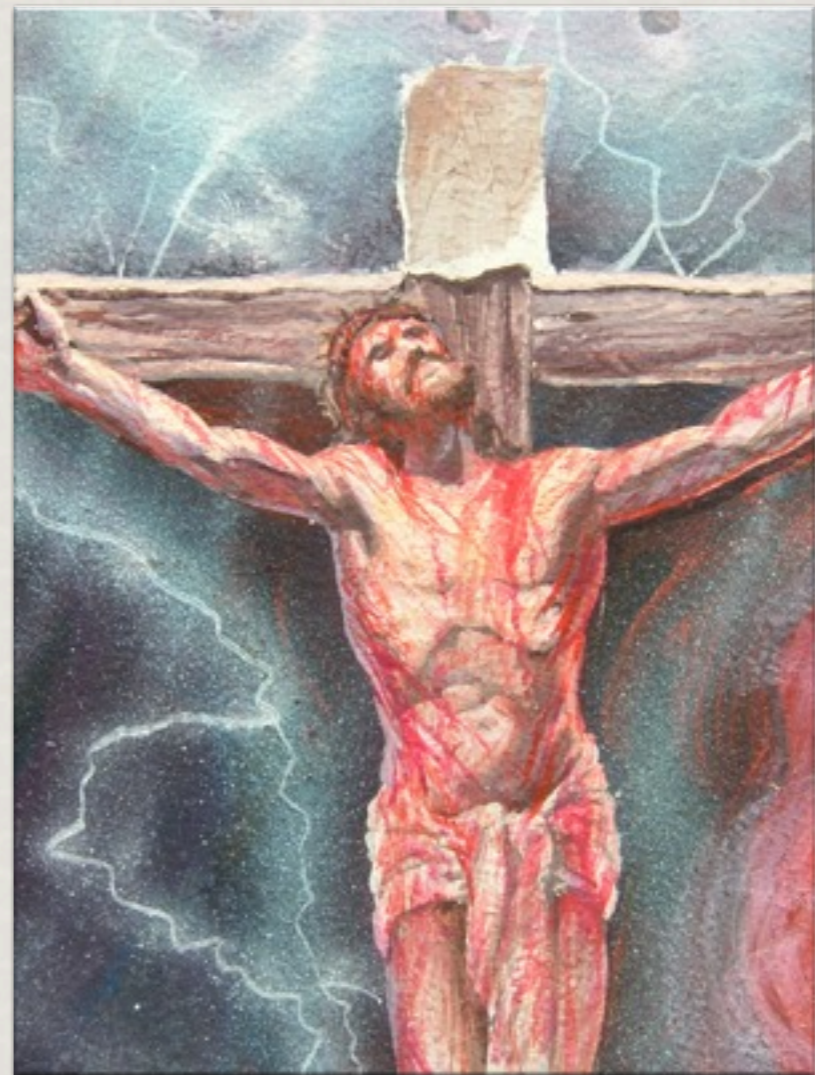
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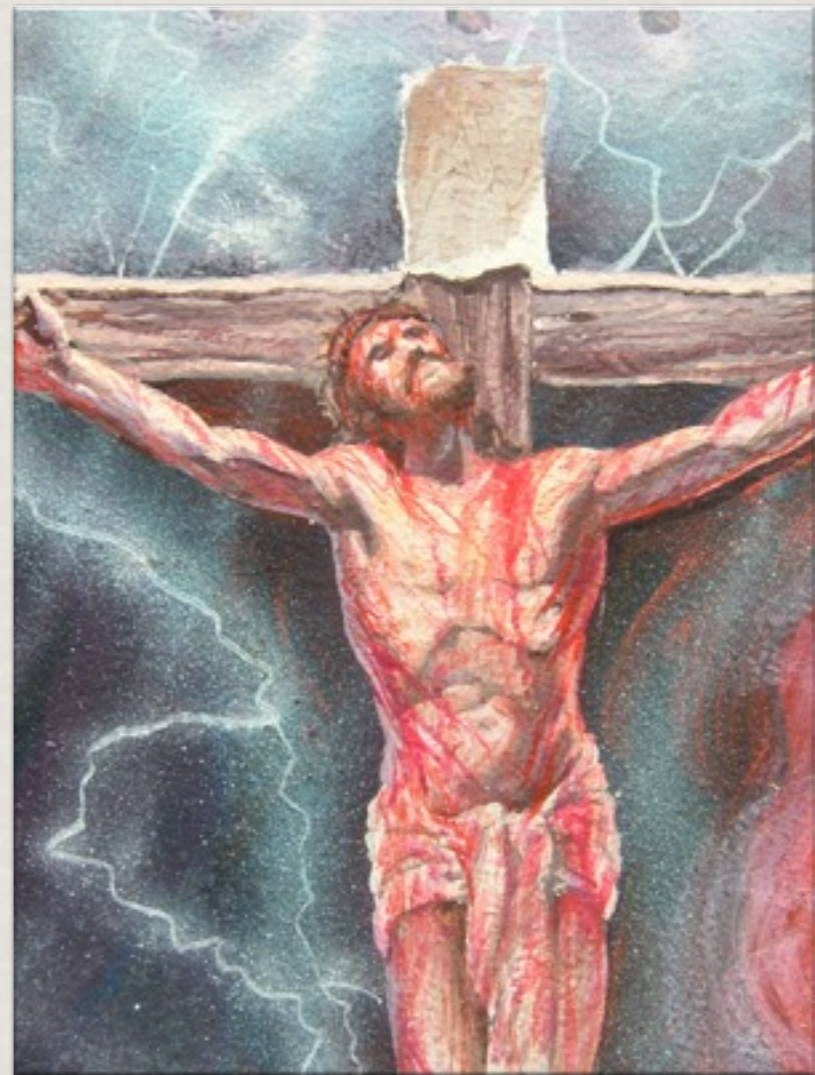
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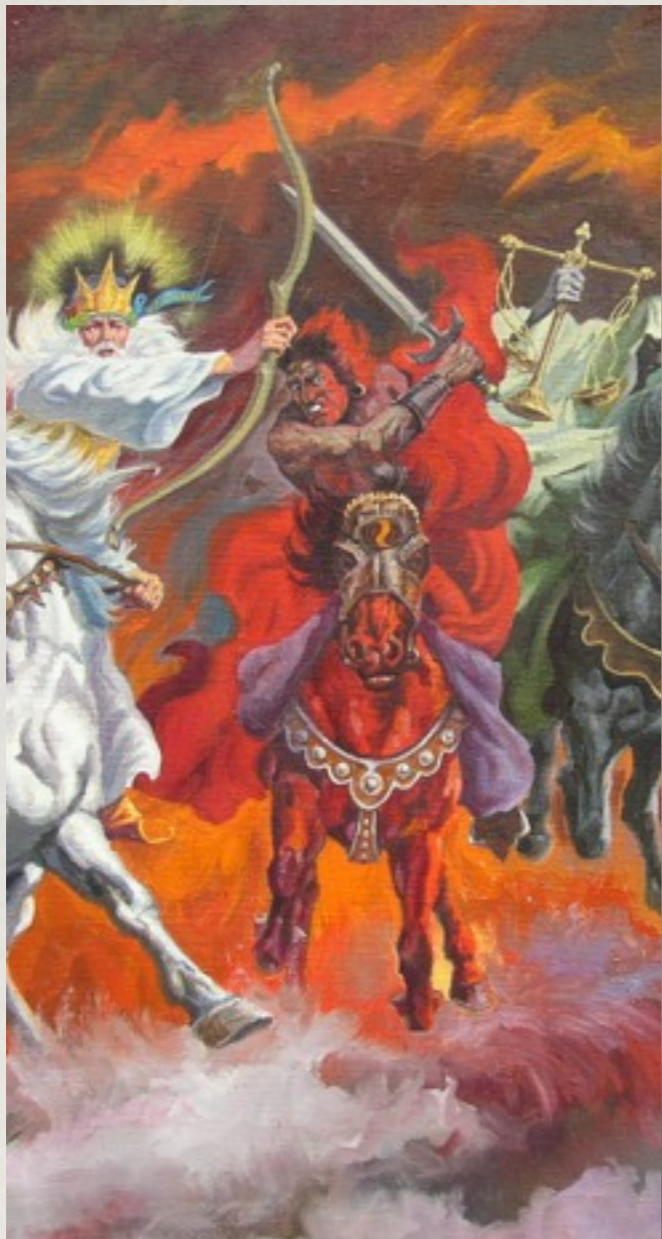
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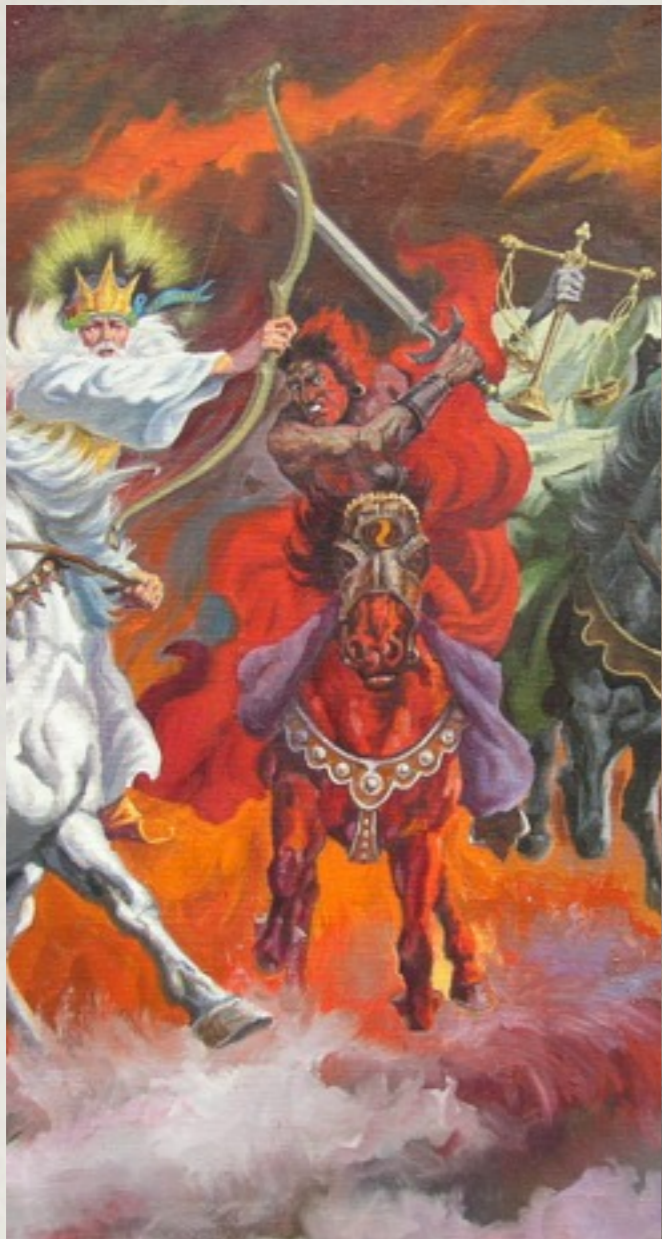
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- ✦ When Laodicea allows Jesus to come in, He will cleanse His church of sin.

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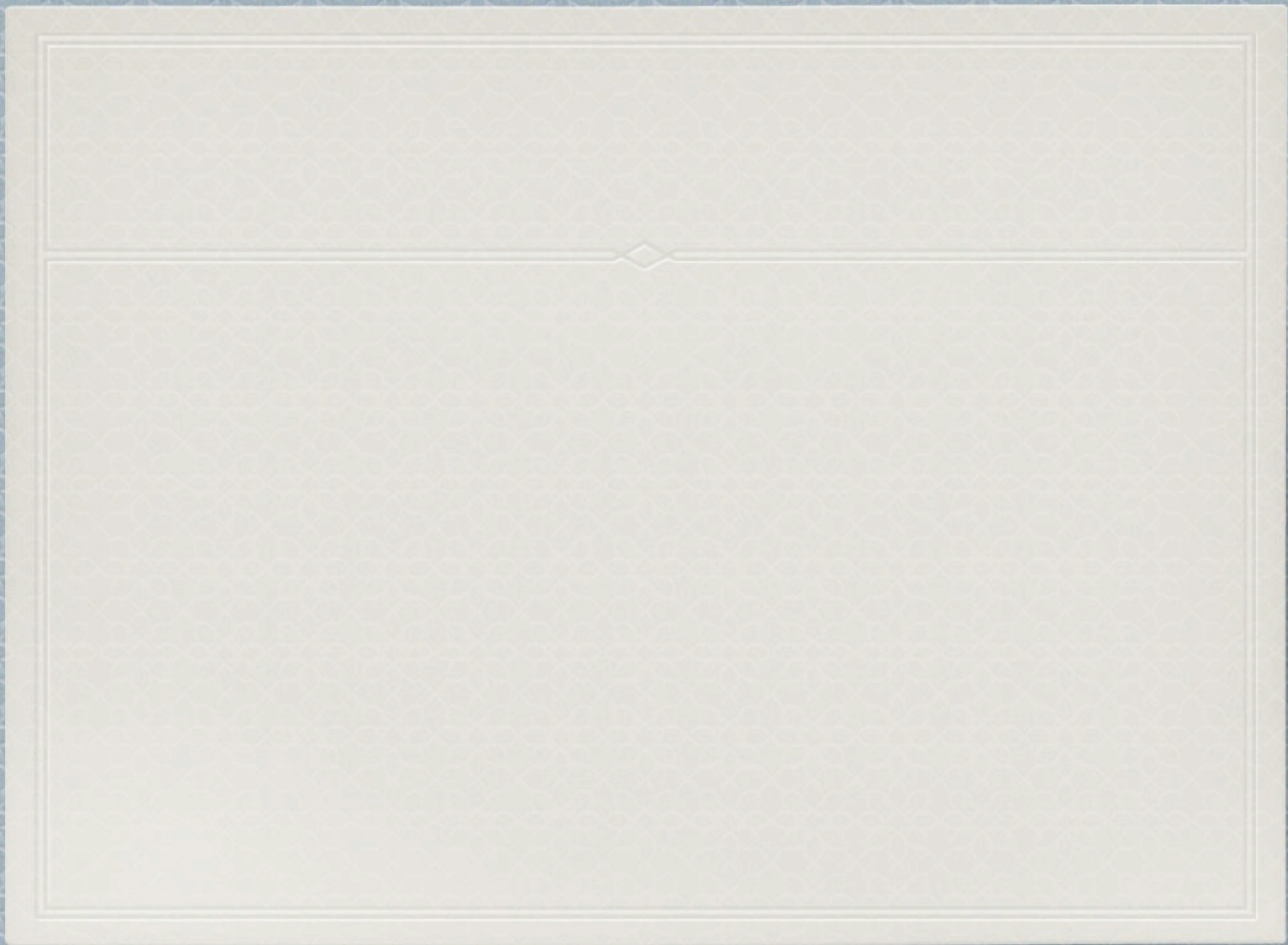
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- ◆ From the Holy of Holies, there goes on the grand work of instruction. The angels of God are communicating to men. Christ officiates in the sanctuary. We do not follow Him into the sanctuary as we should. Christ and angels work in the hearts of the children of men. The church above united with the church below is warring the good warfare upon the earth. **There must be a purifying of the soul here upon the earth, in harmony with Christ's cleansing of the sanctuary in heaven.** God's people are now to have their eyes fixed on the heavenly sanctuary, where . . . our great High Priest . . . is interceding for His people.

—*Maranatha* 249



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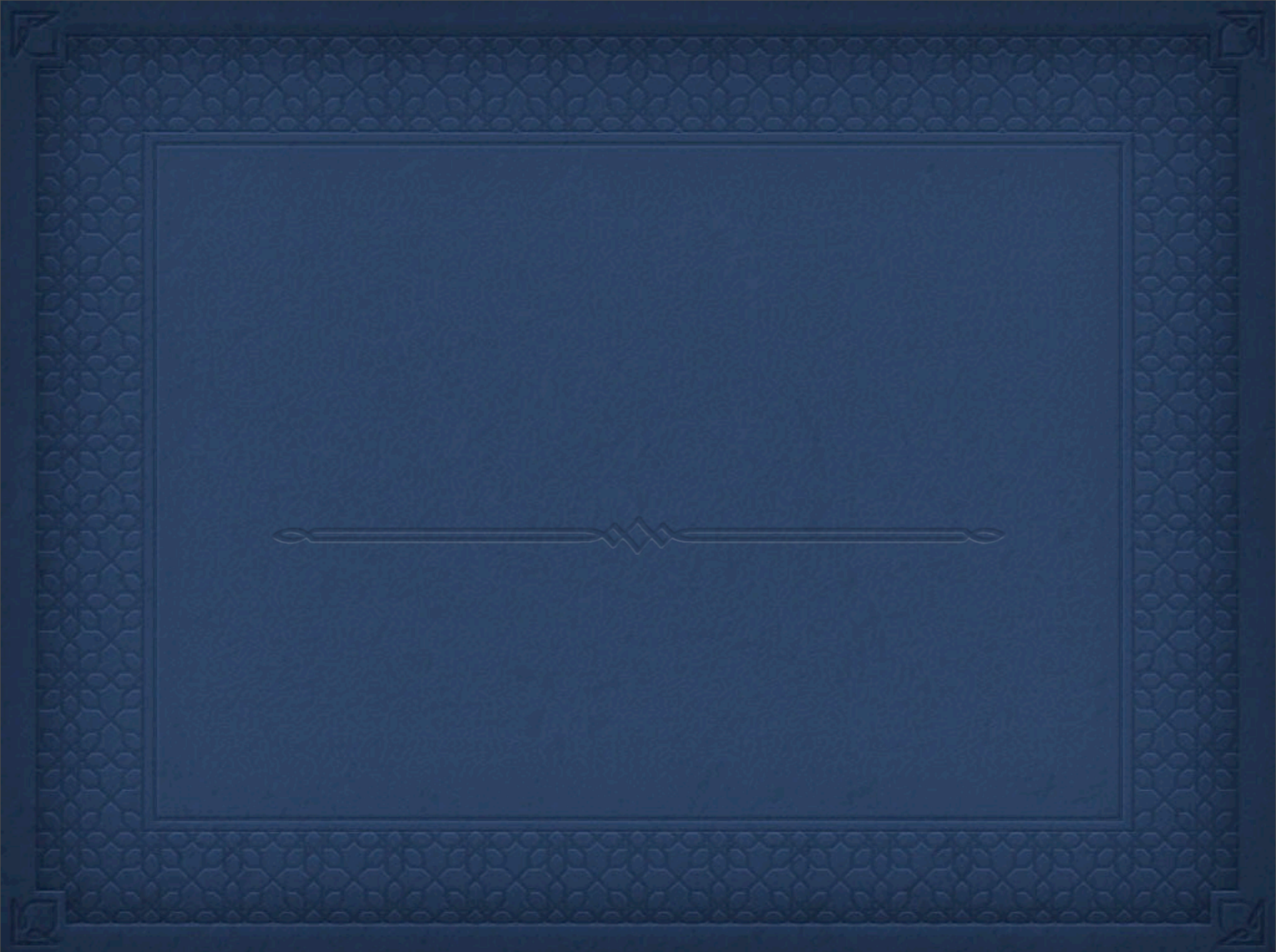
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- ✦ *Revelation 15:1-8*
- ✦ *Smoke Fills the Temple*
- ✦ *The Fit Man*




# The Fit Man

- ✦ Then I saw that Jesus' work in the sanctuary will soon be finished. And after His work there is finished, He will come to the door of the first apartment, and confess the sins of Israel upon the head of the Scape Goat. Then He will put on the garments of vengeance. Then the plagues will come upon the wicked, and they do not come till Jesus puts on that garment, and takes His place upon the great white cloud. Then while the plagues are falling, the Scape Goat is being led away. **He makes a mighty struggle to escape, but he is held fast by the hand that leads him. If he should effect his escape, Israel would lose their lives.** I saw that it would take time to lead away the Scape Goat into the land of forgetfulness after the sins were put on his head. SpM 2.1






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*Allow God, to prove through us, that Satan is wrong  
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