



IT IS

**FINISHED**

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

– John 19:30

WHY HASN'T HE COME YET?

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air;  
and there came a great voice out of the temple of  
heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.**

– Rev 16:17

And he said unto me, **It is done.** I am Alpha and  
Omega, the beginning and the end.

– Rev 21:6

# THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

- Who God is.
- Who Satan is.
- Eternal basis of security.
- Freedom of choice: *Everyone must make up their own minds.*

It was God's purpose to place things on an **eternal basis of security**, and in the councils of heaven it was decided that time must be given for Satan to develop the principles which were the foundation of his system of government. He had claimed that these were superior to **God's principles**. Time was given for the working of **Satan's principles, that they might be seen by the heavenly universe.**

At the beginning of the great controversy, the angels did not understand this [that sin leads] to death... But **not so when the great controversy shall be ended.** Then, the plan of redemption having been completed, the **character of God is revealed to all created intelligences.** The precepts of His law are seen to be perfect and immutable. Then sin has made manifest its nature, **Satan his character.** Then the extermination of sin will **vindicate God's love and establish His honor before a universe of beings** who delight to do His will, and in whose heart is His law.

# THE INTELLIGENT UNIVERSE

Unfallen Beings

Mankind

Fallen Beings

Angels

Saints

Satan

Unfallen Worlds

Sinners

His Angels



WHAT WAS FINISHED  
AT THE CROSS?

**To the angels and the unfallen worlds** the cry, “It is finished,” had a deep significance. **It was for them as well as for us** that the great work of redemption had been accomplished. They with us share the fruits of Christ's victory.

– DA 758.2

**Not until the death of Christ was the character of Satan clearly revealed to the angels or to the unfallen worlds.** The archapostate had so clothed himself with deception that even holy beings had not understood his principles. They had not clearly seen the nature of his rebellion.

– DA 758.3

Satan saw that his disguise was torn away. **His administration was laid open before the unfallen angels and before the heavenly universe.** He had revealed himself as a murderer. By shedding the blood of the Son of God, he had uprooted himself from the sympathies of the heavenly beings. Henceforth his work was restricted. Whatever attitude he might assume, he could no longer await the angels as they came from the heavenly courts, and before them accuse Christ's brethren of being clothed with the garments of blackness and the defilement of sin. **The last link of sympathy between Satan and the heavenly world was broken.**

WHY DIDN'T THE GREAT  
CONTROVERSY END THEN?

**Yet Satan was not then destroyed.** The angels did not even then understand all that was involved in the great controversy. The principles at stake were to be more fully revealed. **And for the sake of man, Satan's existence must be continued.** Man as well as angels must see the contrast between the Prince of light and the prince of darkness. **He must choose whom he will serve.**

– DA 761.3

MAN K I N D M U S T M A K E U P  
O U R M I N D S

An angel returning from the earth announces that his work is done; the final test has been brought upon the world, and all who have proved themselves loyal to the divine precepts have received “**the seal of the living God.**” Then **Jesus ceases His intercession in the sanctuary above.** He lifts His hands and with a loud voice says, “**It is done;**” ... Every case has been decided for life or death. Christ has made the atonement for His people and blotted out their sins. **The number of His subjects is made up.**

– GC 613.2



Just as soon as the people of God are **sealed in their foreheads**—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but **a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved**—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come.

– LDE 219.4

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

– Rev 7:3

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**, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation

– Rev 14:9-10

SEALING = SAINTS MAKING UP  
THEIR MINDS

MARK OF THE BEAST = SINNERS  
MAKING UP THEIR MINDS

# WHEN MANKIND MAKES UP OUR MINDS

Time of Trouble

7 Last Plagues

Saints tempted to sin.

Sinners suffer judgments.

Saints would rather die than  
sin.

Sinners would rather die  
than repent.

Saints lose all sympathy for  
Satan.

Sinners lose all sympathy for  
God.

**It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people.** The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow. Dark, heavy clouds come up and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying: **“It is done.”** Revelation 16:17.

– GC 636.2

WHAT IS LEFT TO DO THEN?

**In the presence of the assembled inhabitants of earth and heaven** the final coronation of the Son of God takes place. And now, invested with supreme majesty and power, the King of kings pronounces sentence upon the rebels against His government and executes justice upon those who have transgressed His law and oppressed His people.

As soon as the books of record are opened, and the eye of Jesus looks upon the wicked, they are conscious of **every sin which they have ever committed**. They see just where their feet diverged from the path of purity and holiness, just how far pride and rebellion have carried them in the violation of the law of God. The seductive temptations which they encouraged by indulgence in sin, the blessings perverted, the messengers of God despised, the warnings rejected, the waves of mercy beaten back by the stubborn, unrepentant heart—**all appear as if written in letters of fire**. Above the throne is revealed the cross; and like a **panoramic view** appear the scenes of Adam's temptation and fall, and the successive steps in the great plan of redemption.



**All see that their exclusion from heaven is just.** By their lives they have declared: “We will not have this Man [Jesus] to reign over us.”

For thousands of years this chief of conspiracy has palmed off falsehood for truth. **But the time has now come when the rebellion is to be finally defeated and the history and character of Satan disclosed.** In his last great effort to dethrone Christ, destroy His people, and take possession of the City of God, the archdeceiver has been fully unmasked. **Those who have united with him see the total failure of his cause.** Christ's followers and the loyal angels behold the full extent of his machinations against the government of God. **He is the object of universal abhorrence.**

Satan sees that his voluntary rebellion has unfitted him for heaven. He has trained his powers to war against God; the purity, peace, and harmony of heaven would be to him supreme torture. His accusations against the mercy and justice of God are now silenced. The reproach which he has endeavored to cast upon Jehovah rests wholly upon himself. And now **Satan bows down and confesses the justice of his sentence.**

– GC 670.2

# THE LOST WILL CHANGE THEIR MINDS

Sinners and Fallen Angels

Satan

They confess God's justice in excluding them from heaven.

Bows and confesses the justice of his sentence.

They lose all sympathy for Satan.

Remains unchanged at heart and is destroyed.

**Every question of truth and error in the long-standing controversy has now been made plain.** The results of rebellion, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, have been laid open to the view of **all created intelligences.** **The working out of Satan's rule in contrast with the government of God has been presented to the whole universe.** Satan's own works have condemned him. God's wisdom, His justice, and His goodness stand **fully vindicated.**

The history of sin will stand to all eternity as a witness that with the existence of God's law is bound up the happiness of all the beings He has created. With all the facts of the great controversy in view, **the whole universe, both loyal and rebellious, with one accord** declare:  
“Just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.”

– GC 670.3

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, **It is done.** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

– Rev 21:4-6

# IT IS FINISHED

At the Cross  
John 19:30

Close of Probation  
Rev 16:17

Millennium  
Rev 21:6

Unfallen beings  
acknowledge God's  
character.

Saints acknowledge  
God's character.

The wicked  
acknowledge God's  
character.

They lose all  
sympathy for Satan.

They lose all  
sympathy for Satan.

They lose all  
sympathy for Satan.

They are eternally  
secure.

They are eternally  
secure.

They are eternally  
destroyed.



HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR  
MIND?



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