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Revelation 14:9-12 ⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. 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 ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."¹² Here is the ^[a]patience of the saints; here^[b] *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

1. This is a terrifying passage, one of the most horrible pictures in the word of God. It is a picture of the anger and wrath of God against an evil and unrepentant world. The mark of the beast will show that a person gives his or her first loyalty to the state and secular society before God. This person will be saying that God comes second. That our government takes care of us, not God. Religion will be subject to the state and government and when the true believers stand up and will not be subject to the antichrist, they will be killed and there will be another holocaust and that is when God will pour out His wrath. Note how this belief runs through society today. In fact this belief has run through every generation. There are multitudes who believe that man can control his own destiny, that the only important thing is having a good government that can take care of us. Government and good services can't help you beyond this life. They can't provide a perfect society here on earth. This is why so many fail today because they depend on government weather then the one who can save your soul Jesus Christ.

John 3:36 NKJV ³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Romans 1:8 NKJV ⁸ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Ephesians 5:6 NKJV ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Psalms 75:8 NKJV ⁸ For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain *and* drink down.

Jeremiah 49:12 NKJV ¹² For thus says the LORD: "Behold, those whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunk. And *are* you the one who will altogether go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink *of it*.

Matthew 10:15 NKJV ¹⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Luke 17:29 NKJV ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all.

2. The true believers will escape the judgment of God. Three things are said about the person who escapes judgment. 1. He is a saint who endures. The word saint means to be set apart and separated unto God. It means that person has separated themselves from the world. It means he or she has dedicated themselves to serving God and enduring all things for the Glory of God.

Matthew 10:22 NKJV ²² And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Romans 12:1-2 NKJV ¹ I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your ^[b]reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 NKJV ¹⁷ Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." ¹⁸ "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

James 1:12 NKJV ¹² Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Hebrews 10:36 KJV ³⁶ For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

1 Peter 1:13 KJV ¹³ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Peter 5:8-9 KJV ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

2 Peter 3:17 KJV ¹⁷ Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

1 John 2:15-16 KJV ¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.