

God of Victory

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[Revelation 6:9-17] When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. 12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the [h]moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

In this scene of the heaven that the apostle John saw in the first century, he saw a throng of martyred souls crying out to God, "How much longer do we need to wait until You avenge our blood on the evil on the earth?" They are asking God to bring down God's justice on the wicked on the earth quickly. Today, many righteous people are anxious to see God's justice be executed on the earth just as these martyred souls are in heaven.

Many unbelieving people do not believe in God and are not afraid of God's wrath against the sinful generation of this world because they do not see God as the God of victory. They do not see God's power and might on display in the world, where the wicked are prosperous and have powers in social, political, and global spheres to pursue their wicked plans at will. And they have difficulty seeing the prophecies of God's coming wrath any time soon. Yet, the Scripture tells us clearly that God was victorious in the past, is victorious now, and will be terribly victorious in the end-time soon.

God's might was fully shown in the miracle of the Red Sea crossing of the people of Israel when He brought them out of slavery in Egypt. This was the power of God displayed on a regional scale. When God destroyed the entire earth through Noah's flood in His wrath against the sinful world, it was on a global scale. However, as we read above in Revelation chapter 6: 12-17, the wrath of God to be displayed in the end-times will be on a cosmic scale. And that will be the last time such a large-scale display of God's wrath will occur since time began. And God will be unfurled around the globe and even in the heavens so that He will avenge the blood shed by His righteous people fully and without any part left undone.

I declare that God has been victorious since time began. Although His power and might are not evident to the sinful eyes of the people, the wise and faithful people see His power and might in full motion in every generation. When Noah and his family were building the ark as instructed by God, the unbelieving world saw a foolish family engaged in a seemingly vain endeavor. Yet, when the flood came and began engulfing their homes, enterprises, and their communities, they quickly came to realize how foolish they had been. When Egypt's pharaoh pursued the people of Israel who were cornered in a small peninsula by the Red Sea, his thought was about how he could maraud these people who used to be the slaves under his total control. Yet, when the flood of rushing sea began closing on them as the Egyptian army was chasing the Israelites, the king of Egypt realized very quickly how foolish he had been in fighting against the Almighty God of heaven and earth.

When Jesus, a poor preacher from Nazareth of Galilee was hanging on a tree on the hill of Golgotha outside of Jerusalem, the unbelieving Roman soldiers and the Jews taunted Him, thinking here was one who had falsely claimed He was the Messiah of Israel. Yet, the crucified Jesus rose from death on the third day, a promised victory witnessed by a handful of His disciples. Only a few weeks later, however, thousands of formerly unbelieving

people repented and became believers. Today there are over two billion Christians in the world who profess to believe and follow this risen Christ as their Savior. God has been victorious in the world through His servants, children, and His kingdom on earth. Yet, the rest of the world fails to see how God is victorious despite overwhelming evidence of the victorious God in the world and the universe.

When God's wrath begins to unfurl on a cosmic scale, the unbelieving world will come to see how foolish they have been. And they will want to be buried in the earth to be hidden from the God of wrath because they have willfully chosen to ignore, despise, and antagonize the God of mercy and grace.

[Revelation 6:15-16] And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

In the final phase of implementing God's wrath against the wicked people of the world, Jesus Christ comes as the supreme commander of the heavenly army of angels to destroy the global force of all nations led by the Antichrist against God and Christ, who will be the King of kings and will rule the world for a thousand years.

[Revelation 19:11-16] Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness, He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

This will be the global as well as cosmic victory against the forces of Antichrist and Satan and their hosts that are now active in the world and in heaven on a lesser scale. Christians should be encouraged to read the Book of Revelation and be encouraged that the day of victorious Christ is coming as exactly as prophesied. We should be encouraged that He wants us to be victorious to show to the world that God is God of victory yesterday, today, and forever in the future. If you are an unbeliever, know that God triumphs in all situations. He never lacks any power or might or wisdom or knowledge to be deficient, failing, or losing.

God allows evil to be present and seemingly powerful in the present world because humans have allowed Satan and his host to have control over their hearts and lives. Much of what goes on in the world is the consequence of human choices. Evil persists and prospers because humans have let it be, not because God desires so. God's mercy and grace are still being extended to souls that wander and seek what is true and everlasting. Come to the gospel of Jesus Christ while there is time. Come to the winning side, to the family of Jesus Christ and the Almighty God.

"Almighty God, our Father! We are thankful to know that You have always been victorious, in the past, in the present time and You will be victorious in the final days. May the unbelieving world remember the all-powerful God who created the heavens, the earth, and all that is in it. We are thankful that Your grace is still being extended to the unbelieving world. Yet, our hearts are aching for those who refuse to believe and come to Jesus Christ, who will come as the King of kings as the mighty Warrior. May we humble ourselves and come in repentance and humility to the coming Savior and Lord of lords! Amen."

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