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***The King’s Judgment -*** [***II Samuel 2-3***](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2-3)

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And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. **(**[**Revelation 19:11-21**](swordsearcher://bible/rev19.11-21)**)**

**The King’s Judgment**

We have come to the point in Bible History where the transitioning from the deliverance by human judges gives way to a human kingdom with all its cruelties, violence, bloodshed, carnage, slaughter, and butchery. This is compared to, but can never compete by degree to that of the time of the end. In First Samuel, we saw Saul, and the beginning of his kingdom with the Holy Spirit’s guidance and victory; but it was his disobedience which quickly resulted in personal demonic torture, and his continuing disobedience that caused Saul to spiral down a Romans one fast track - the end result being his own eternal destruction. This may be the saddest end in the entire Bible. First Samuel also contrasts Saul’s ending with David’s victories in battle as he sought the LORD’s guidance, and then experienced severe consequences when he reacted to events in a knee-jerk fashion without even giving one thought to God.

We must see David’s story throughout all of this, however, in the context of the LORD training David to conquer the enemies of Israel that resulted because of Israel’s prior disobedience. The LORD is not only teaching David to be king at that time, but also to be a foreshadow of the future Kingdom – that of David’s Seed, Jesus Christ. These events also teach us, in these last days, to make our decisions by God’s Word, while keeping our Profession of faith stedfast to the end. ([Hebrews 10](swordsearcher://bible/heb10))

II Samuel, shows us that while David has at times learned his lesson about seeking after God in his kingly profession; later we will see David letting his personal life slip down into the muck and mire of this evil world. If one pursues this course, one’s fate may be as Saul’s destruction.

Through all of this, The LORD is teaching us, in these last days, that even the “King after the LORD’s own heart” will suffer unbearable consequences because of his sin, and could end up as did Saul, even if his kingly duties are exemplary. These aftereffects result, not only in David’s personal grief, but the “sword never will leave his family”, thus resulting in incest, murder, and unfaithfulness. The magnitude of these consequents does not end with the immediate family, but extends like a whirlwind into the united kingdom, splitting it with civil war, after his son’s reign, the end result being the removal twice of God’s people from the land. ([Deuteronomy 28](swordsearcher://bible/de28)). This period in history should remind us of the coming Tribulation period when a tyrannical false king will rule the world without justice making false promises and war until the KING of kings takes His throne and rules with Righteousness for ever. The LORD will then bring back His remnant into the Kingdom.

We would be wise take these examples and ensamples ([I Corinthians 10](swordsearcher://bible/1cor10)) allowing the LORD’s Word and His Spirit to guide us through our profession of faith as well as in our private lives. The LORD is looking for a people who will “walk in the Spirit”, be a type of the LORD, and an example to those around him always ready to give God’s Word to those who He sends our way. The LORD will reward the doer of evil.

As the apostle and prisoner Paul wrote to the Philippian church about his concern and affection for this group that they should continue without offense until the Day of Christ:

**For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*; And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.** **(**[Philippians 1:8-14](swordsearcher://bible/phil1.8-14)**)**

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|  | **The Book of II Samuel – David’s Covenant and Kingdom** | | | | | |
| **Scope** | **… Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth. Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also, the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. (**[**2 Samuel 7:8-13**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam7.8-12)**)** | | | | | |
| **Reference** | **1** | **6** | **11** | **12** | **14** | **24** |
| **Plan** | **Victory** | | **Disobedience and Gross Sin** | **Conviction and Repentance** | **Judgement (sword to never depart from thine house)** | |
| **Location** | **Hebron** | **Jerusalem** | | | | |

**I.** **David Anointed King Over Judah**

**David Seeks the LORD after hearing of Saul’s death**

[**2 Samuel 2:1**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.1) And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

**David, his family, his men, and all their possessions move to Hebron**[**2 Samuel 2:2**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.2-3) So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite.  
**2 Samuel 2:3** And his men that *were* with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

**The men of Judah anoint David as King of Judah – David briefed on how Jabesh-Gilead**  
[**2 Samuel 2:4**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.4) And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, *That* the men of Jabesh-gilead *were they* that buried Saul.

**David commends the men of Jabesh-Gilead**[**2 Samuel 2:5**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.5-6) And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have buried him.  
**2 Samuel 2:6** And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

**David informs Jebash-gilead, “The House of Judah has anointed me king over them”**  
[**2 Samuel 2:7**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.7) Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

**II.** **Abner Makes Ishbosheth King over Israel**

We now have some others to meet. Ishbosheth, whose name was also Esh-baal noted in [I Chronicles 8:1-33](swordsearcher://bible/1chron8.1-33), the only surviving son of Saul, appears to be a pawn in the hands of Abner, the captain of the late Saul’s army. Abner will make Ishbosheth, a false king, in Gilead and the rest of Israel except for Judah, as if he had the power to do so. In this typical scenario, Ishbosheth will play the part of the evil king in power for approximately seven years, before the King after God’s own heart takes the throne of the world forever.

We will also meet the three sons of Zeruiah, one of David’s sisters: Abishai, Joab, and Asahel, three. ([I Chronicles 2:15-16](swordsearcher://bible/1chron2.15-16)) We already know Abishai, as the one who went with David to sneak up on the sleeping Saul in [I Samuel 26](swordsearcher://bible/1chronicles2.16). So, the Bible tells us in its genealogies, that Abishai, Joab, and Asahel were nephews of David – sons of David’s sister, Zeruiah.

During the seven years and six months that David is king in Judah, there will be a wicked battle scene with many dying, Abner killing Asahel, the servants of Ishbosheth and David, killing each other and Abner losing 360 men. A type of the events in [Revelation 4-19](swordsearcher://bible/rev19).

This is all a foreshadow of the war and bloodshed that will continue until bloodstained garments of Christ is seen riding from above with His saints following in white garments, judging Israel’s enemies first, in heaven and then playing out down on earth. ([Revelation 19](swordsearcher://bible/rev19)) He will then take His throne in righteousness ([Psalm 2](swordsearcher://bible/ps2)). There will be no more war except briefly at the end of 1000 years. Scripture prophesys this event in [Isaiah 2](swordsearcher://bible/isa2):

[**Isaiah 2:4**](swordsearcher://bible/isa2.4) And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**But Abner, Captain over Saul’s army, made Saul’s son, Ish-bosheth, king in Gilead – Judah follows David**  
[**2 Samuel 2:8**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.8-11) But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;  
**2 Samuel 2:9** And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.  
**2 Samuel 2:10** Ish-bosheth Saul's son *was* forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.  
**2 Samuel 2:11** And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

**The servants of David and the servants of Ish-bosheth kill each other**  
[**2 Samuel 2:12**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.12-17) And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.  
**2 Samuel 2:13** And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.  
**2 Samuel 2:14** And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.  
**2 Samuel 2:15** Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which *pertained* to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.  
**2 Samuel 2:16** And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkath-hazzurim, which *is* in Gibeon.  
**2 Samuel 2:17** And there was a very sore battle that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

**III. The Three Sons of Zeruiah – David’s Nephews**

**Asahel pursued after Abner**  
[**2 Samuel 2:18**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.18-22) And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel *was as* light of foot as a wild roe.  
**2 Samuel 2:19** And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner.  
**2 Samuel 2:20** Then Abner looked behind him, and said, *Art* thou Asahel? And he answered, I *am*.

**2 Samuel 2:21** And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.  
**2 Samuel 2:22** And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

**Abner kills Asahel**  
[**2 Samuel 2:23**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.23) Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth *rib*, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

**Joab and Abishai pursue Abner**   
[**2 Samuel 2:24**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.24-27) Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.  
**2 Samuel 2:25** And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill.  
**2 Samuel 2:26** Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?  
**2 Samuel 2:27** And Joab said, *As* God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother.

**The fighting stops**  
[**2 Samuel 2:28**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam2.28-32) So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.  
**2 Samuel 2:29** And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.  
**2 Samuel 2:30** And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel.  
**2 Samuel 2:31** But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died.  
**2 Samuel 2:32** And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which *was in* Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

**IV.** **David’s House Becomes Stronger and Stronger**

**David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker**

[**2 Samuel 3:1**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.1) Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

**David’s sons so far**  
[**2 Samuel 3:2**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.2-5) And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;  
**2 Samuel 3:3** And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;  
**2 Samuel 3:4** And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;  
**2 Samuel 3:5** And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

**Abner sins against Saul’s concubine – Ishbosheth is afraid of Abner**  
[**2 Samuel 3:6**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.6-11) And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.  
**2 Samuel 3:7** And Saul had a concubine, whose name *was* Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and *Ish-bosheth* said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine?  
**2 Samuel 3:8** Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, *Am* I a dog's head, which against Judah do shew kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to day with a fault concerning this woman?  
**2 Samuel 3:9** So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him;  
**2 Samuel 3:10** To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba.  
**2 Samuel 3:11** And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

**Whose is the land? – Make thy league with me**  
[**2 Samuel 3:12**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.12-16) And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose *is* the land? saying *also*, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand *shall be* with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee.

**2 Samuel 3:13** And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face.  
**2 Samuel 3:14** And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.  
**2 Samuel 3:15** And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from Phaltiel the son of Laish.  
**2 Samuel 3:16** And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

**Abner talks with the Elders of Israel**  
[**2 Samuel 3:17**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.17-18) And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past *to be* king over you:  
**2 Samuel 3:18** Now then do *it*: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

**David makes Abner and his men a feast – I will gather all Israel unto my lord**  
[**2 Samuel 3:19**](swordsearcher://bible/2Sam3.19-22) And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.  
**2 Samuel 3:20** So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that *were* with him a feast.  
**2 Samuel 3:21** And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

**2 Samuel 3:22** And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner *was* not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.

**Why did you send Abner away? – He is your enemy**  
[**2 Samuel 3:23**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.23-25) When Joab and all the host that *was* with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.  
**2 Samuel 3:24** Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why *is* it *that* thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone?  
**2 Samuel 3:25** Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

**V. Abner Dies**

**Joab and Abishai kill Abner in revenge**  
[**2 Samuel 3:26**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.26-27) And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew *it* not.  
**2 Samuel 3:27** And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

**I and my kingdom are guiltless in Abner’s murder**

[**2 Samuel 3:28**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.28-30) And afterward when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner:  
**2 Samuel 3:29** Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.  
**2 Samuel 3:30** So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

**David commands a mourning for Abner**  
[**2 Samuel 3:31**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam3.31-39) And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the bier.

**2 Samuel 3:32** And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept.  
**2 Samuel 3:33** And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?  
**2 Samuel 3:34** Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before wicked men, *so* fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him.  
**2 Samuel 3:35** And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, till the sun be down.  
**2 Samuel 3:36** And all the people took notice *of it*, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people.  
**2 Samuel 3:37** For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.  
**2 Samuel 3:38** And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?  
**2 Samuel 3:39** And I *am* this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah *be* too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

**VI. The End Time Ishbosheth**

**Beast Out of the Sea**

[**Revelation 13:1**](swordsearcher://bible/rev13.1-3) And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.  
**Revelation 13:2** And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.  
**Revelation 13:3** And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

**The Dragon Gave Power to the Beast**  
[**Revelation 13:4**](swordsearcher://bible/rev13.4-6) And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?  
**Revelation 13:5** And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.  
**Revelation 13:6** And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

**The Beast makes war with the saints**  
[**Revelation 13:7**](swordsearcher://bible/rev13.7-10) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.  
**Revelation 13:8** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.  
**Revelation 13:9** If any man have an ear, let him hear.  
**Revelation 13:10** He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

**The Beast out of the Earth**  
[**Revelation 13:11**](swordsearcher://bible/rev13.11-13) And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.  
**Revelation 13:12** And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.  
**Revelation 13:13** And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

**The Great Deceiver**  
[**Revelation 13:14**](swordsearcher://bible/rev13.14-15) And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.  
**Revelation 13:15** And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

**The Beast makes “all” to receive a mark on their hand or in their forehead**  
[**Revelation 13:16**](swordsearcher://bible/rev13.16-18) And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:  
**Revelation 13:17** And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.  
**Revelation 13:18** Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six.

**144,000 with the Lamb’s Father’s name written on their foreheads**

[**Revelation 14:1**](swordsearcher://bible/rev14.1) And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

**The Song of the Redeemed from the Earth**  
[**Revelation 14:2**](swordsearcher://bible/rev14.2-5) And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:  
**Revelation 14:3** And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.  
**Revelation 14:4** These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.  
**Revelation 14:5** And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

**The Everlasting Gospel – His judgment is come – Babylon is Fallen**  
[**Revelation 14:6**](swordsearcher://bible/rev14.6-8) And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

**Revelation 14:7** Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.  
**Revelation 14:8** And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

**VII. The Wrath of God Poured Out Without Mixture**  
[**Revelation 14:9**](swordsearcher://bible/rev14.9-11) 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,  
**Revelation 14:10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:  
**Revelation 14:11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

**Who are the Saints?**  
[**Revelation 14:12**](swordsearcher://bible/rev14.12-13) Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

**Revelation 14:13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

**Son of Man with His sharp sickle**  
[**Revelation 14:14**](swordsearcher://bible/rev14.14) And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

**The Harvest of the earth is ripe**  
[**Revelation 14:15**](swordsearcher://bible/rev14.15-18) And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.  
**Revelation 14:16** And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.  
**Revelation 14:17** And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.  
**Revelation 14:18** And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

**The Great Winepress of the Wrath of God**  
[**Revelation 14:19**](swordsearcher://bible/rev14.19-20) And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.  
**Revelation 14:20** And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs.

**2700 years ago, Isaiah prophesied this future great event in this manner:**

**Who is this Rider in red garments**

[**Isaiah 63:1**](swordsearcher://bible/isa63.1-2) Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.  
**Isaiah 63:2** Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

**A one man job**  
[**Isaiah 63:3**](swordsearcher://bible/isa63.6) I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.  
**Isaiah 63:4** For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.  
**Isaiah 63:5** And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.  
**Isaiah 63:6** And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

**I will mention the lovingkindness of the LORD**  
[**Isaiah 63:7**](swordsearcher://bible/isa63.7) I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

**Surely, they are my people**  
[**Isaiah 63:8**](swordsearcher://bible/isa63.8-9) For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour.  
**Isaiah 63:9** In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

**But they rebelled**  
[**Isaiah 63:10**](swordsearcher://bible/isa63.10) But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

**Then He remembered the days of old**  
[**Isaiah 63:11**](swordsearcher://bible/isa63.11-14) Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where *is* he that put his holy Spirit within him?  
**Isaiah 63:12** That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?  
**Isaiah 63:13** That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble?  
**Isaiah 63:14** As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

**Look down from heaven – Adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary**  
[**Isaiah 63:15**](swordsearcher://bible/isa63.15-19) Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where *is* thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?  
**Isaiah 63:16** Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting.  
**Isaiah 63:17** O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, *and* hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.  
**Isaiah 63:18** The people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.  
**Isaiah 63:19** We are *thine*: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.