

# OUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR

God will allow us to go through whatever it takes to bring us to that perfected beautiful bride of Christ. We can be part of the "**man child**", "**the woman**", or the "**remnant of her seed**" all three are groups of people.

Rev.12:5&6 "And she brought forth a man child, **who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron**: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. **And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**"

"He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will **I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.**" Rev 2:26&27

" And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with **the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**"

"The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end." Dan. 11:32-35

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## WHAT ON EARTH IS GOD DOING???

Some time ago there was a movie, "THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY". In the movie, a bottle drops out of the sky and lands in a remote, primitive village. The otherwise peaceful tribe begins to fight over the bottle. When we observe things happening in the world today, it is easy to come to a similar conclusion as those primitive people: "GOD MUST BE CRAZY!!

### IF GOD IS IN CONTROL, WHY IS THE WORLD GOING CRAZY???

"If God is in control" or "How can God allow" are the foundations of questions troubling many people. It is true that nothing surprises God. It is also true that God's main motive is love. Without free will we cannot experience or give love. When God created us, He gave us dominion over this world. We surrendered that authority when we chose to know evil. Now the devil is "the god of this world". This is why Jesus taught us to pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done". If we blame God for the evil and suffering in the world we are blaming the wrong person. Jesus showed us the will of God. Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, and died for our sin. He also made a scourge and cleansed the temple.

### IS GOD'S WRATH MOTIVATED BY LOVE???

We don't fully understand God's love, but I hope to give some insight. If a father had some beautiful young children that he loved and someone kidnapped his youngest daughter, tortured her and left her disfigured beyond recognition to be eaten by vermin, what do you think that father will do if he catches that person? What if that person was his son? What if it was his daughter herself?



## **GOD'S PLAN FOR US**

**"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48**

**"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 17:20-23**

**"He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" Eph. 4:10-15**

**"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:36**

**"Let us go on unto perfection." Heb 6:1**

## **GOD LOVES EACH OF US AND WANTS US TO TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST**

**"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12:1&2**

**"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Rom 8:29**

### **Jesus warned the church**

**"the church of Ephesus write;..thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place"**

**"the church in Smyrna write;.. behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."**

**"the church in Pergamos write; .. I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel,..thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."**