## Sign 3: The Government Arises

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw another Monster—the Government—coming up out of the Earth—the material realm (Rev 6:8, 11:7, 13:1)—and it had two horns like a lamb (Rev 5:6), but it was speaking like a dragon (Rev 12:3). <sup>12</sup> It exercises all the authority of the first Monster-the Nation-on its behalf (Rev 13:7). The Government causes the Earth and those who dwell in it to bow down to the *Nation*, whose plague of death was healed (Rev 9:20, 13:3, 13:8). <sup>13</sup> The *Government* produces great signs before humans, even making fire come down from Heaven to the Earth (Exod 7:11; 1 Kgs 18:28; 2 Kgs 1:10-11; Rev 8:7, 9:18, 11:5). <sup>14</sup> The *Government* leads astray those dwelling upon the Earth through the signs it does on behalf of the Nation which has the plague of the sword—violence—and yet lives (Deut 13:1-5; Rev 6:4, 12:9, 13:9). It tells those dwelling upon the Earth to make an image—the Politician—of the first Monster—the Nation (Gen 1:26-27; Isa 40:19-20; Jer 10:1-5; Dan 2:31-35; Hos 13:2). <sup>15</sup> The *Government* was allowed to give a spirit to the *Politician* so that it might speak and also cause those, who did not bow down to the Politician of the Nation, to be killed (Dan 3:1-27; Rev 2:10, 9:20, 11:7, 13:20). <sup>16</sup> The *Government* forms everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—by giving them a brand on their right hands—their actions—and upon their foreheads—their thoughts (Exod 13:9; Deut 6:4-9, 11:18-21; Ezek 9:4; Rev 7:3, 9:4, 9:20). <sup>17</sup> No one is able to buy or sell if they do not have the brand, which is the *Nation's* name or the number of its name—*Money* (Gen 42:6; Ezek 7:10-13; Rev 3:18).<sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Whoever has a mind must figure out the number of the *Nation*. For the number is of humanity, and its number is 666—the number of Solomon's annual income (Gen 3:1; 1 Kgs 4:29-34, 10:14; Psa 107:43, 111:10; Prov 8:12-13; Isa 29:14; Jer 9:23).

## Sign 4: The Lamb & the Church

<sup>14.1</sup> Then I looked and, look, the Lamb had been standing upon Mount Zion—*the Creator's dwelling place on Earth* (Psa 2:1-6, 14:7, 48:1-3, 132:13; Isa 24:23; Mic 4:1-7; Joel 2:32; Rev 5:6-8, 8:1). With the Lamb were 144,000—*the Church*—having his name and the name of his Father written upon their foreheads—*their thoughts and minds* (Ezek 9:4; Rev 3:12, 7:3-4, 9:4, 13:16). <sup>2</sup> I heard a voice from Heaven like the voice of much water and the voice of great thunderclaps (Rev 1:15, 6:1, 10:3). The voice was like harpists playing music on their harps (Ezek 43:2; Joel 3:16-17; Rev 5:8). <sup>3</sup> They were singing a new song before the throne, the four creatures, and the elders (Psa 33:1-22, 40:1-3, 96:1-13, 149:1-9; Isa 42:9-13; Rev 4:2-10). But no one was able to learn the song if they were not one of the 144,000—*the Church*—who had been redeemed for the sake of the Earth (Rev 5:8-10). <sup>4</sup> They are those who have not been defiled by *other lovers*, for they are virgins *reserved for the Lamb* (Psa 45:13-15; Isa 59:1-8; Jer 2:4—3:10, 23:11, 31:1-4; Lam 4:13-14; Ezek 36:17-18; Rev 2:20-22, 3:4, 13:15). They are those following the Lamb wherever he goes (Rev 7:14-17, 13:3). They are those who have been redeemed out of humanity, they are firstfruits for the Creator and the Lamb (Jer 2:3; Rev 5:8-10). <sup>5</sup> No falsehood was found in their mouths and they are without blemish (Psa 34:8-14; Zeph 3:12-13; Rev 2:2, 2:9).

## Sign 5: The Gospel Is Proclaimed

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying through Heaven having the timeless Gospel to proclaim to those sitting upon the Earth, to all ethnic-groups, tribes, tongues, and peoples (Isa 40:9-11, 52:7-10; Rev 1:7, 5:9, 7:9, 10:7, 11:9, 13:7). <sup>7</sup> It was saying in a loud voice,

"Fear the Creator and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has arrived (Deut 6:13-15, 10:12-21; Psa 96:1-13; Eccl 12:13-14; Rev 3:3, 3:10, 6:10, 8:1, 9:15, 11:13, 11:18)! Bow down to the one who made Heaven—*the spiritual realm*—Earth—*the material realm*—the Sea—*the chaotic realm*—and the Water Springs—*the sources of life* (Psa 146:1-10; Rev 4:9-11, 9:20, 10:6, 13:8)!"

<sup>8</sup> Another angel, a second one, followed, saying,

"Collapsed! Babylon the Great—*Civilization*—is collapsed (Isa 21:8-10; Dan 4:30-33; Rev 11:8)! She is the one who gave all ethnic-groups a drink from the wine of her passionate prostitution (Isa 5:12; Jer 51:6-10; Rev 2:15, 2:20, 9:21, 14:4)!"

<sup>9</sup> Another angel, a third one, followed these (Gen 18:1-21), saying in a loud voice,

"If someone bows down to the *Nation* and its *Politician* and receives its brand—*Money*—upon his *thoughts* or his *actions* (Rev 9:20, 13:12-17), <sup>10</sup> then he will drink from the wine of the Creator's passion

which has been mixed undiluted with the cup of his anger (Psa 75:7-10; Isa 51:17-23; Jer 25:15-32; Rev 6:16-17, 11:18). This person will be tormented with fire and sulfur before the holy angels and before the Lamb (Gen 19:24; Psa 11:4-7; Ezek 38:21-23; Rev 9:5, 9:17-18, 11:10, 12:2). <sup>11</sup> The smoke of their torment goes up into the ages of the ages (Isa 33:14, 34:8-10; Rev 9:2). Whoever bows down to the *Nation* and its *Politician* and receives the brand of its name—*Money*—will not have rest, day or night (Deut 28:65-67; Isa 31:1-3; Rev 13:11-18). <sup>12</sup> The patient-endurance of the saints is through clinging to the Creator's commands and being faithful like Jesus (Deut 6:1-9, 30:9-20; Psa 19:7-11; Rev 1:2, 1:9, 2:2, 2:19, 3:10, 6:9, 12:17, 13:9-10, 20:4)!"

<sup>13</sup> I heard a voice from Heaven, saying,

"Write! Blessed are the ones who die in the Lord from now on (Psa 116:15; Rev 2:10)! Yes, the Spirit speaks! They will rest from their struggles, for their practices follow after them (Isa 57:1-2; Jer 6:16; Dan 12:13; Rev 6:11, 7:14-17, 11:18)!"

## Sign 6: The Harvest of the Faithful & Unfaithful

<sup>14</sup> Then I looked and, look, a white cloud! Upon the cloud was sitting one like a Son of Humanity—*Jesus Christ*—having a gold crown upon his head and a sharp sickle in his hand (Psa 21:1-3; Dan 7:13; Joel 3:12-17; Rev 1:7, 1:13, 10:1, 11:12)! <sup>15</sup> Another angel came out from the temple (Rev 3:12, 7:15, 11:1, 11:19), crying out in a loud voice to the one sitting upon the cloud,

"Send your sickle! Harvest! The hour to harvest has arrived (Rev 3:3, 3:10, 8:1, 9:15, 11:13, 11:18, 14:7)! The harvest of the Earth has become ripe (Jer 51:33; Hos 6:11)!"

<sup>16</sup> Then the one sitting upon the cloud threw his sickle over the Earth and the Earth was harvested—*the faithful were gathered* (Rev 14:4). <sup>17</sup> Another angel came out from the temple in Heaven also having a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup> Another angel came out from the altar (Rev 6:9, 8:3, 9:13, 11:1). It had authority over fire (Isa 33:9-12; Rev 8:5, 11:5) and called out in a loud voice to the one having the sharp sickle, saying,

"Send your sharp sickle (Isa 41:15-16)! Gather the grapes of the Earth's vine, for its grapes—*its unfaithful works*—are ripe (Deut 32:32-36; Prov 10:26; Isa 5:1-7)!"

<sup>19</sup> The angel threw his sickle into the Earth and gathered the Earth's *unfaithful works* and threw it into the great winepress of the Creator's passion (Jer 7:16-20, 42:18-22; Ezek 13:13-16). <sup>20</sup> The winepress was trampled (Rev 11:18) outside the City—*Civilization* (Rev 11:13)—and blood came out from the winepress, up to the bridle of horses, for 1,600 lengths of a stadium (Isa 63:1-6; Jer 25:30-33; Lam 1:14-15; Ezek 32:6; Amos 9:13-15).