

which had seven vials full of the seven last plagues." This angel is one of our race. They are men who will have work to do like what Moses and Aaron did do, while God was bringing all his plagues on Egypt. And we know that these angels are men, because they are clothed in pure and white linen.

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10. And he saith unto me, seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book : for the time is at hand.

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After all these words, about the importance of us all knowing what God is saying to us in this book, how will it be with us when we must appear before God, and give an account of how we have kept his commandments ? How will it be, if we have altogether neglected to try and find out the meaning of it ? And we have another warning in this verse that it is near to come.

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11. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still : and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still ; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still, and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12. And behold I come quickly : and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

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There is a time in every man's life when God speaks these words to him, so that we should surely take warning, and use all the means which God has given us, in order to become righteous, and holy. But it is spoken more particularly to the people on or about the time when satan is let loose again to deceive the nations, and gather them together to destroy the saints ; or it might be that their intentions will be to take the ruling and teaching authority into their own hands over both church and state, the same as they have at the present time. So that these two verses are about the last words spoken by God to the wicked in this word, just before he sent fire to devour them. We see by what we read in the 20th chapter that the wicked are all devoured by fire, when they rise up to battle with the saints.

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13. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last

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He reminds us of this very many times in this book. It is to make us always keep it in mind that he is the great God.

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14. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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It is a great affair to have the blessing of God ; his commandments are doubtless the whole word of God, so that we need not expect his blessing, if we neglect, or reject any part of his word. It is true that we cannot do his Commandments to please him, without being born of the spirit. Luke 11:13, "If ye then, being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." He gives the spirit in great measure in the millennial period. Phil. 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which has begun a good work in you will perform until the day of Jesus Christ." As soon as any person is born of the Spirit, and begins to obey the word, he has a right to the tree of life, and may enter into the city