



“The violence of Revelation’s visions have given children nightmares and offended the supposedly enlightened sentiments of adults...(the humane reader cannot be blamed for finding the Book of Revelation “unpleasant and repulsive” in its descriptions of God’s wrath on his enemies)...Such opinions, however, fail to understand the social and spiritual situation that Revelation addresses. Revelation is addressed to a church that is under attack. Its purpose, to reveal “things which must soon take place,” is not to satisfy idle eschatological curiosity or feed a hunger for revenge but to fortify Jesus’ followers in steadfast hope and holy living.”

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Psalm 13:1-2

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Psalm 35:17

How long, O Lord, will you look on?
Rescue me from their destruction,
my precious life from the lions!

Psalm 90:13

Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

Romans 3:25-26

God put forward (Jesus) as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



Exodus 9:23-24

Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

“This vision discloses the tragic double irony of serving Satan. First, as the angel of the abyss, the fallen star releases these demonic hordes not to afflict his enemies, the servants of God (for he cannot touch those shielded by God’s seal), but rather to afflict his allies “who dwell on the earth,” who receive the beast’s mark and worship his blasphemous image (13:14-17). The devil rewards his loyal subjects with cruel torture. Second, the relief that the tortured think they would attain through death is denied them, for the malevolent spirits that poison their minds are forbidden from taking their lives.”

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