

# The Science of Sin

## Part 2

### The Anger of the Nations

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## The Wrath of God

Revelation 11:18 tells us, “And **the nations were angry** and **thy wrath is come**, and the time of the dead that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.”

Now I want you to see the terms “**the wrath of God**,” “**the anger of the nations**” and how they function.

**The one is the direct result of the other.**

Early Writings p.41 reads, “I saw that the powers of earth are now being shaken and that events come in order. War, and rumors of war, sword, famine, and pestilence are first to shake the powers of earth,...”

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So, the powers of the earth are being shaken by **sword – famine – pestilence**. It is this shaking that is making the nations angry.

**Example:** The word “sword” in Strong’s Concordance HB2719 and GK3163 is the word for “war, battle and fighting.” Our text in Revelation 11:18 says that God would destroy them which destroy the earth.

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**Question:** Is man capable of destroying the earth as our text indicated?

**Example:** Consider the Navy's Ohio Class Submarines known as "Boomers."

Subs number	14 total (14 or more!)
Per Sub	24 missiles
Warheads	8 per missile
Targets	192 per Sub
Destructive Power	50 Kilotons/warhead
Total Destructive Power	13,000 Hiroshimas/Sub

**Note: Hiroshima was 15 Kilotons**

**Answer:** Obvious

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These three, **sword, famine and pestilence** are found in the seven last plagues.

**Example:** Noisome and grievous sores. (AIDS, MRSA, Flu epidemics, chemical warfare, biological warfare, infectious plagues, nuclear fallout etc. to name a few)

5 Manuscript Releases p.15, tells us that the plagues are already falling. (ie. sword, famine and pestilence).

**Example:**

1 Chronicles 21:1 tells us that David numbered Israel.

**Question:** What was the result?

**Answer:** His punishment came in the form of pestilence, In Vs.14 says, “So the Lord sent pestilence upon Israel.”

Jeremiah 27:8 says, “...That nation will I punish, saith the Lord...” Punish (Strong’s Concordance Hebrew 6485) is the same word for visit.

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Jeremiah 14:10-16 says, “Thus saith the Lord unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet (a life not in harmony with God), **therefore the Lord doth not accept them**; He will now remember their iniquity, and **VISIT** their sins... Vs.12. ...I will not accept them but I will consume them by the **sword**, and by the **famine**, and by the **pestilence**.” Notice Vs.16 “...**for I will pour their wickedness upon them**.” Look at Leviticus 26:18-33.

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Here we see that sword, famine and pestilence comes in the form of their own sins. In other words, God's retribution comes in the form of "man, reaping what they themselves have sown."

Jeremiah 2:19 says, "That thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee."

These calamities are visited in **MERCY** and are the motivating factor that God uses to turn people from their sins. This is referred to throughout the Bible as the "Wrath of God."

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### Definition of wrath:

The most general use of the word in the Bible is interpreted **ANGER**. But we find that “**Wrath**” in Hebrew (Strong’s Concordance) is also the word for **SIN** – “EBRAH” (5678 & Root is 5674). EBRAH means to “turn away – partition.”

Wrath is also the word for **GUILT** (Strong’s Concordance - Hebrew 817) .

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**Definition of wrath:** (con't)

Romans 4:15 tells us, “**The law worketh wrath.**”

**Question:** How does the law of God work wrath?

**Answer:** 1John 3:4 “Wrath (sin) is the transgression of the law.” God’s law works **wrath** when one disobeys the law.

Romans 5:9 tells us, “...we shall be saved from wrath (or sin) through Him...”

Psalms 37:8 tells us, “Forsake wrath (sin) and live...”

**Question:** Who’s wrath is it?

**Answer:** Ours!!!

Romans 2:5 states, “**that we are heaping up wrath for the day of wrath.**”

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Wrath of God (con't)

**Question:** What is the “Wrath of God?”

**Answer:** Wrath comes in three different forms.

1. On the cross it is shown to be a terrible realization of the enormity of sin, as perceived through the eyes of sin itself. The experience of God’s punishment is thus the experience of realization. Wrath comes as a form of awareness, the awareness of the horror and depth of sin, an awareness that sin itself enforces with fearful terror. This was the punishment for our sins that Christ endured. **This is the most lethal form of wrath.** This is the **spiritual** aspect of wrath

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**Question:** What is the “Wrath of God?” (con’t)

**Answer:**

2. In a secondary sense the “wrath of God” comes in the form of **SWORD, FAMINE AND PESTILENCE**. As a result of man rejecting God. God withdraws His mercy leaving the individual vulnerable to the outside world and allowing **physical laws** as well as man to do their work of destruction.
3. Thirdly, wrath comes in the form of **CAPTIVITY**. Jeremiah 27:8 says, “And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish” (with sword, famine and pestilence).

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**Question:** What is the “Wrath of God?” (con’t)

**Answer:**

3. (con’t)

Prophets and Kings p.444 tells us that Israel was brought into captivity because of their disobedience. They were to come under “submission to the rule of Babylon, but if they warred against the decree of servitude, they were to feel the full rigor of His chastisement. **This is the lightest punishment that a merciful God could inflict.**”

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**Wrath of God:** (con't)

**Note:** Their sins or punishment came back upon them which resulted in one of the following three:

- **Captivity (servitude)**
- **Sword, Famine and pestilence**
- **Guilt and despair (total ruin)**

**Summation:** These three will come as a result of violating physical and moral laws. They are referred to as a “Day of Visitation”.

**Question:** Why is it called God’s wrath?

**Answer:** Because He took our wrath (or sin) upon Himself as if it were His.

2 Corinthians 5:2 says, **“He became sin for us who knew no sin.”**

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### **Wrath of God:** (con't)

God's Amazing Grace p.168, "Christ was suffering the death that was pronounced upon the transgressors of God's law..." "He bore the **wrath of God** for a sinful world."

7A Bible Commentary p. 223 says, "The **wrath of God** rested on mans substitute."

Desire of Ages p.753 states, "It was the sense of sin (enormity of sin) bringing the Father's **wrath** upon Him..."

7A Bible Commentary p.223 says, "The agony which Christ endured, broadens, deepens, and gives a more extended conception of the **CHARACTER OF SIN**, and the character of the retribution which God will bring upon those who continue in sin."

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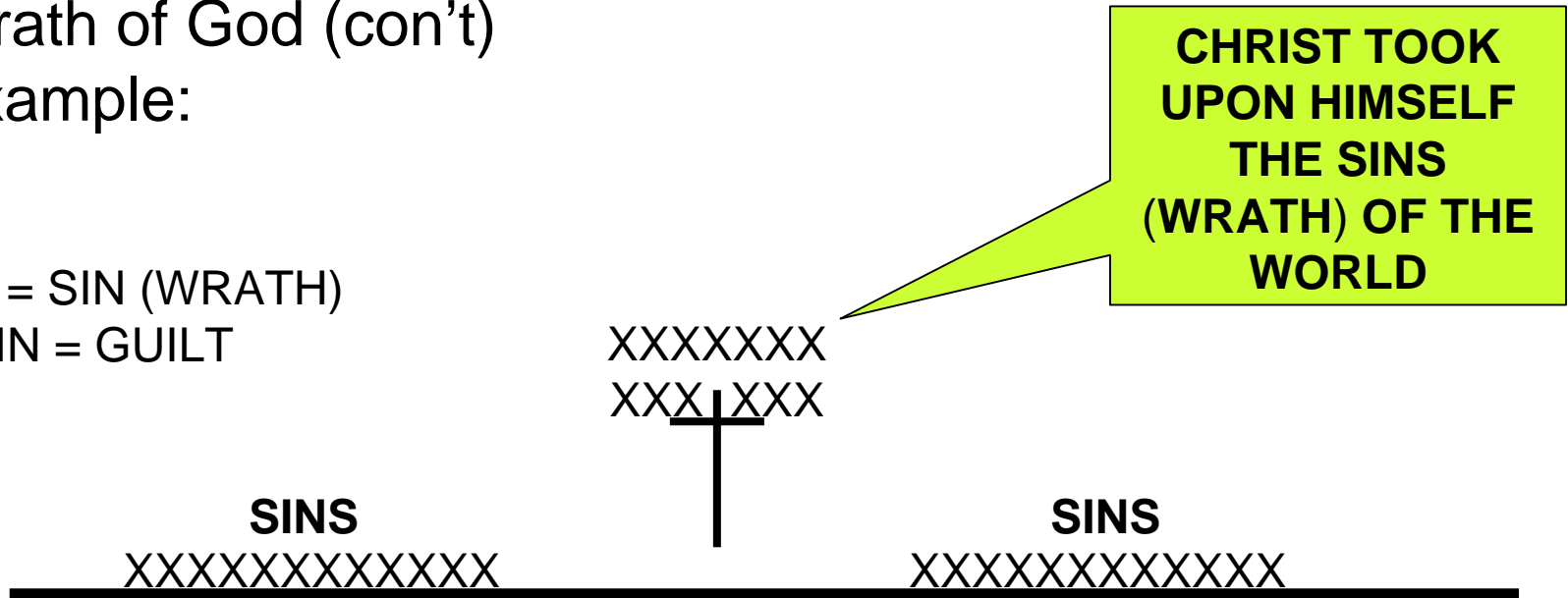
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Wrath of God (con't)

Example:

X = SIN (WRATH)

SIN = GUILT



7A Bible Commentary p.223 tells us that the “Son of God staggered under the terrible horror of the guilt of sin, ... Human nature would then and there have died under the horror of the sense of sin...”

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### **Wrath of God: (con't)**

Desire of Ages p.693 says, “But God suffered with His Son...There was silence in heaven. No harp was touched. Could mortals have viewed the amazement of the angelic host as in silent grief they watched the Father (separating) His beams of light, love, and glory from His beloved Son, they would better understand how offensive in His sight is sin.” (GETHSEMANE)

Mount of Blessings p.116 says, “Calvary alone can reveal the terrible enormity of sin. If we had to bear our own guilt, it would crush us.”

**Note: This is the most severe form of wrath.**

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### **Wrath of God:** (con't)

Our High Calling p.81 points out, “Just in proportion to the excellence of God is the heinous character of sin. . . .”

7A Bible Commentary p.368 states, “God yearned with greatest sorrow when His Son, the guiltless, was suffering the penalty of Sin. It was necessary for the awful darkness to gather about His soul because of the withdrawal of the Father’s love and favor; for He was standing in the sinners place, and this darkness **every sinner MUST experience.**”

**Conclusion:** It is clear that the **wrath of God** comes in the form of awareness, an awareness that sin itself enforces with horrific consequences.

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**Question:** During His ministry and crucifixion, what was Christ's attitude toward sinners?

**Answer:**

1 Peter 2:23 says, "who when He was reviled (abusive language), did not revile in return ..." (NKJV).

- He opened not His mouth.

- He made no complaint.

Luke 23:34 (KJV) states, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

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**Question:** Would God express two different kinds of attitude toward sinners?

**Answer:** Never!

Hebrews 13:8 tells us, “**God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**”

John 14:9 Christ said, “**he that hath seen me, hath seen the Father.**”

**God is NOT! a psychopath as some would have us to believe.**

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**Question:** Did Christ identify with sinners on the cross?  
**NOW, WE MUST UNDERSTAND THIS!!!,**

**Answer:** Yes – so much so, that He speaks of our wrath or sin as if it were His. So that you can speak of His righteousness in your life, as if it were yours. Whenever the term, “the wrath of God” appears in the Bible, you must understand that wrath comes from sinners and not from God. But the fact that He suffered it, He says it is His.

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Fundamentals of Education p.238 says, **“To this day there are still aspects of truth which are dimly seen, connections that are not understood, and far-reaching depths in the law of God that are uncomprehended.”**

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- In light of understanding where God's wrath comes from, let us turn to 2 Chronicles 12:1. "And it came to pass when Rehoboam (son of Solomon) had established the kingdom ... he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him."
- Psalms 119:126 says, "It is time for thee, Lord to work: for they have made void thy law."
- It is important to note that these people forsook the law of God which had a lid on it called the "mercy seat" which was the lid for the Ark of the Covenant. That seat had blood on it.
- **Question:** What did that blood indicate?

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**Answer:** God had picked up the wrath (sins) for the entire race and paid the penalty for them by His spilt blood thereby extending mercy to all. But now God could no longer protect Israel because they were breaking the law which was under that lid. (**They were abusing grace**). Vs.2 says, “Shi-shak, king of Egypt, came against Jerusalem because they had transgressed...!”

**Question:** Did Shi-shak know they had transgressed?

**Answer:** No! Nor did he care!

**Question:** Why were they able to come against Jerusalem?

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**Answer: Vs.5 says, “Ye have forsaken Me, and now I therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.”**

So in the end, if the people of this world, by forsaking His law, don't accept what Christ did for them, He in turn, will have no choice but to forsake them.

Vs. 7, this is referred to as “the wrath of God”.

Psalms 73:19 says, “How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.” Their terror will be brought about by the enormity of their sin, resulting from the removal of the Veil.

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The second commandment says that God would visit the iniquity upon the children of disobedience or “those that hate Me”. In other words, they are reaping what they themselves have sown.

Galatians 6:7,8 says, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Vs. 8. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

**Question:** Why does God speak as if He were going to destroy them?

**Answer:** Because of His sovereignty.

**Question:** Why is it referred to as God’s wrath?

**Answer:** Because He first suffered it!

(Remember our “Domino Effect” on slide 19)

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Now, the reason we're explaining this is because God's wrath, coming in the form of **SWORD, FAMINE** and **PESTILENCE** becomes greater and greater in the last days, to the point where the nations become angry.

Nahum 1:2 says,..."and he reserveth wrath for his enemies."

They believe that these judgments are coming from God as the result of a small sect of people (Sabbath keepers) who persist in not complying with the laws of the land in regards to worship. This sect is therefore being held responsible for bringing the judgments of God upon the world. Once the wicked try to force the Sabbath keepers to worship, which fails, they will take measures to silence them with a death decree.

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Desire of Ages p.487 says, “There can be no more conclusive evidence that we possess the spirit of Satan than the disposition to hurt and destroy those who do not appreciate our work, or who act contrary to our ideas.”

When looking at the vastness of the universe and how masterly contrived it is and the intricacies of it, and how everything in the universe was created with the express purpose to serve a particular function, it is inconceivable that the God of the universe is someone with a split personality.

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**Question:** Is God a being who could laugh at your calamities? Proverbs 1:26.

**Question:** Is God one who can mock you? Proverbs 1:26.

**Question:** Is God one who could rejoice over you to destroy you? Deuteronomy 28:63.

**Question:** Is God one who could throw disease upon you? Deuteronomy 28:60.

**Answer: Absolutely not!**

Jeremiah 31:3 says, “I have loved thee with an everlasting love.”

Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil ...”

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Some would have us believe that the act of destruction is God's "strange act". Don't believe this for a moment!

Desire of Ages p.620 says, "Divine pity marked the countenance of the Son of God as He cast one lingering look upon the temple and then upon His hearers. In a voice choked by deep anguish of heart and bitter tears He exclaimed, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . (Matthew 23:37). This is the separation struggle. In the lamentation of Christ the very heart of God is pouring itself forth. It is the mysterious farewell of the long-suffering love of the Deity."

Proverbs 1:28 says, "Then shall they call upon me but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me."

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**Question:** Do you think the thief on the cross who was saved would say that God dealt harshly with him?

**Answer:** Absolutely not! He would probably say today, “that experience was the only thing that would have saved me.”

**Note:** By reaping what He sowed, God was able to turn him from his iniquities, thereby saving him.

This act of “visiting the iniquity” (or day of visitation) is further demonstrated in the symbol of the **wine press**.

**Definition:** Wine Press – Strong's Concordance 6331 – to crush, to break, bring to naught.

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Isaiah 63:1-3 we read, "...with dyed garments from Bozrah... Vs.2 ...art Thou red in thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? Vs.3, "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."

Hosea 9:9-10 say, "They have deeply corrupted themselves...He will remember their iniquity, He will visit their sins. Vs.10. I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness..."

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Here we see a crude symbol of God stomping people to death, a symbol of God visiting the iniquity upon the children of disobedience.

In other words, it is a day of visitation when their sins come back upon them. Christ Himself was subjected to the wine press and our sins took His life.

Revelation 14:14-19, we see Christ sitting on a white cloud having a sharp sickle in his hand. Vs.14 reads, “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:” Vs.16 tells us that the “earth was reaped” **(RIGHTEOUS RESURRECTED)**...

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...Vs.17 tells us about another angel coming out from the temple, he also having a sharp sickle. Vs.18 says, “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 (WICKED)**; for her grapes are fully ripe. Vs.19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine to the earth, and cast it into the **GREAT WINEPRESS OF THE WRATH OF GOD.**”

**Note: The second harvest (the wicked) was thrown into the great winepress.**

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Isaiah 30:21 tells us, “This is the way, walk ye in it.” When an individual refuses that path and walks in the opposite direction, God will often times visit their sins in **mercy** hoping to turn an individual from a course of destruction.

**Question:** Do you realize that God is desperately trying to save us from the consequences of our own sins?

**Conclusion:** The reason we believe it is important to understand the character of God:

- John 16:1-3 we read, “These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. Vs.2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God a service. Vs.3 And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.”

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### **Conclusion:** (con't)

- Romans 12:21 says, “Overcome evil with good.”  
God Himself will not deviate from this.
- Isaiah 49:15,16, “Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Vs. 16, “Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands...”