

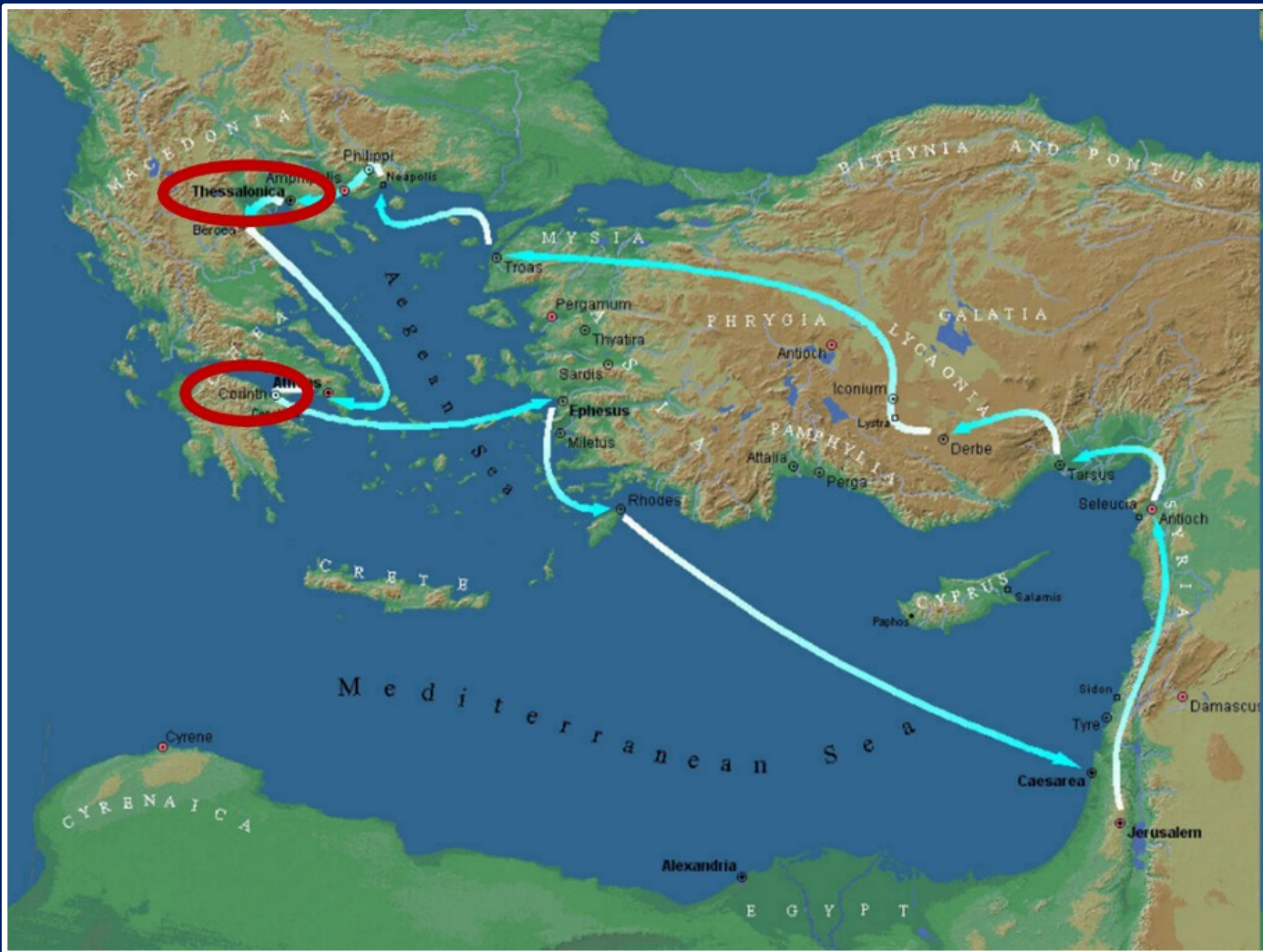
2 Thessalonians

BALANCE: WORKING & WAITING



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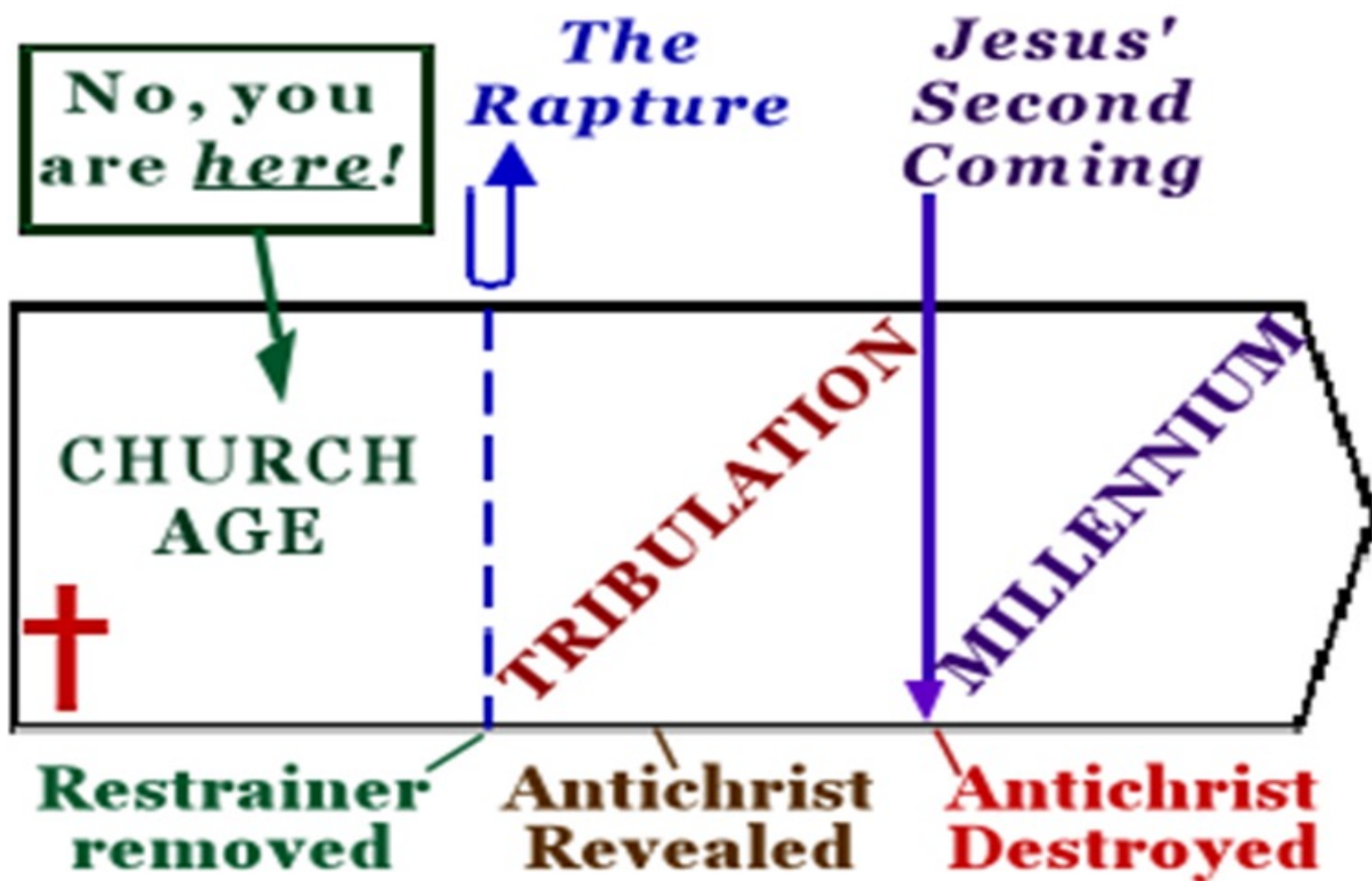


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“that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord [the Tribulation] has come.”



Paul's Correction of their Error



The Thessalonians' False Idea



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Isaiah 11:4

But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.



Revelation 19:15

From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.



Hebrew 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



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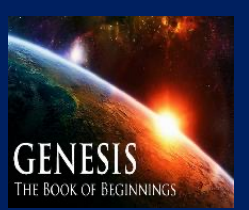
Genesis 1:1-3

“¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”



Refutation of Man's Philosophies

(Gen 1:1)



- Atheism – God created (Ps. 14:1)
- Pantheism – God is transcendent over creation
- Polytheism – One God created (Deut. 6:4; Isa 43:11; 44:6; 45:5)
- Materialism – Matter began
- **Dualism – God alone created (Ezek. 28:13, 15)**
- Humanism – God rather than man created
- Naturalism – God created



Ezekiel 28:13, 15

“¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared... ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you.”



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“Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles [*dynamis*] were done, because they did not repent.”



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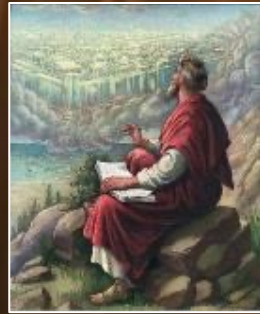
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John 20:30-31

“³⁰ Therefore many other signs [sēmeion] Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe (*pisteuō eis*) that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”



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John 3:2

“this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs [*sēmeion*] that You do unless God is with him.”

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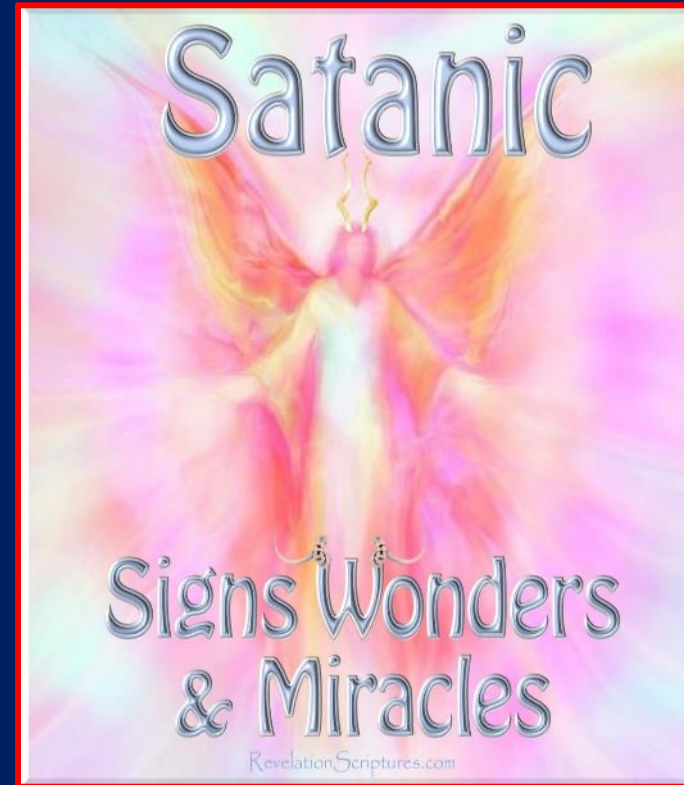
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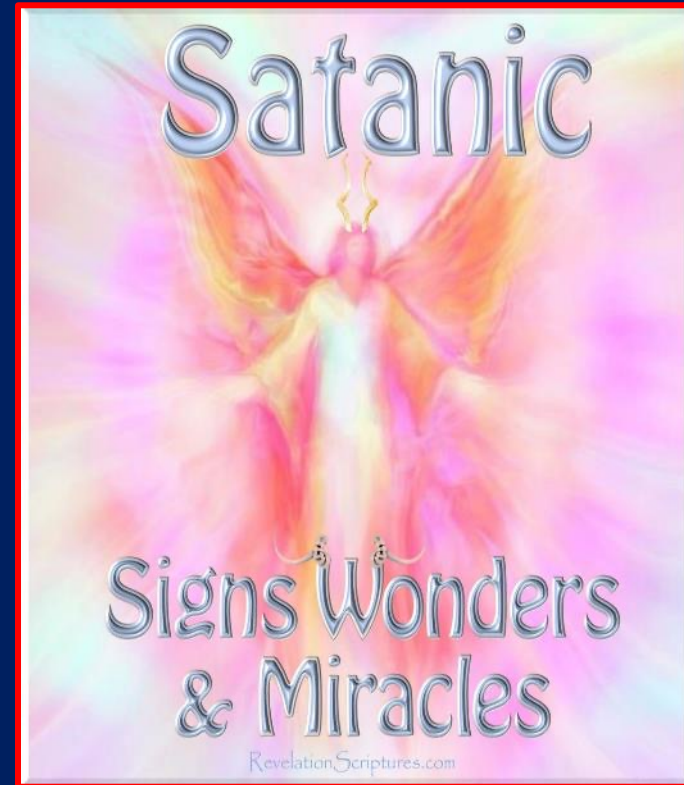
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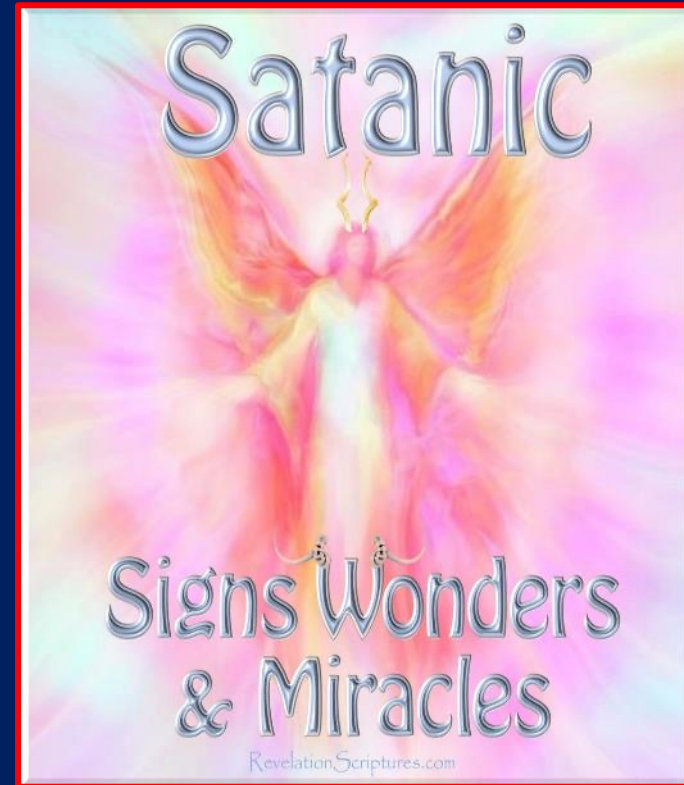


The Plagues of Egypt

NO.	DESCRIPTION	SCRIPTURE	IMITATION?
1.	Water to Blood	Exod. 7:14-25	Yes
2.	Frogs	Exod. 8:1-15	Yes
3.	Gnats	Exod. 8:16-19	No
4.	Flies	Exod. 8:20-32	No
5.	Disease on Cattle	Exod. 9:1-7	No
6.	Boils	Exod. 9:8-12	No
7.	Hail	Exod. 9:13-35	No
8.	Locusts	Exod. 10:1-20	No
9.	Darkness	Exod. 10:21-29	No
10.	Death of the First Born	Exod. 12:29-36	No

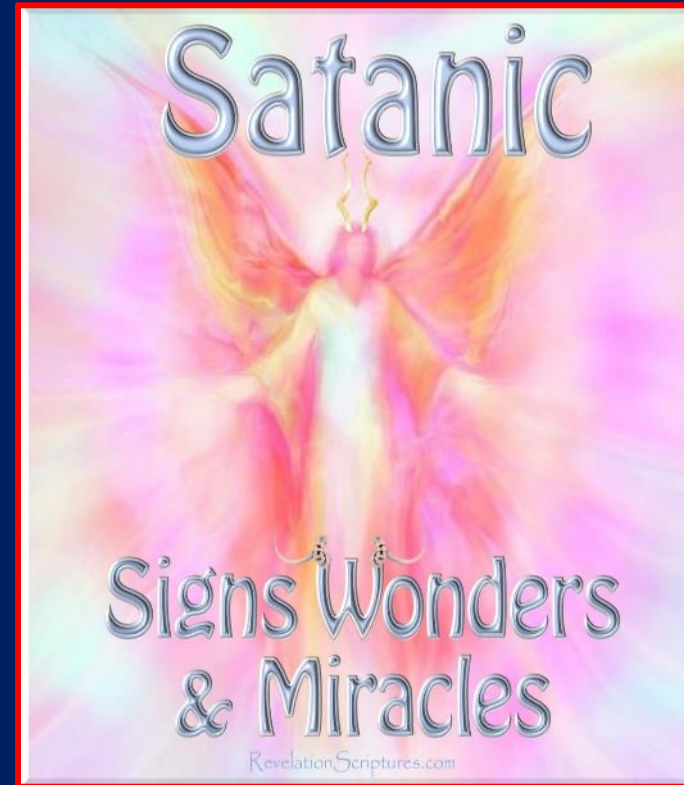
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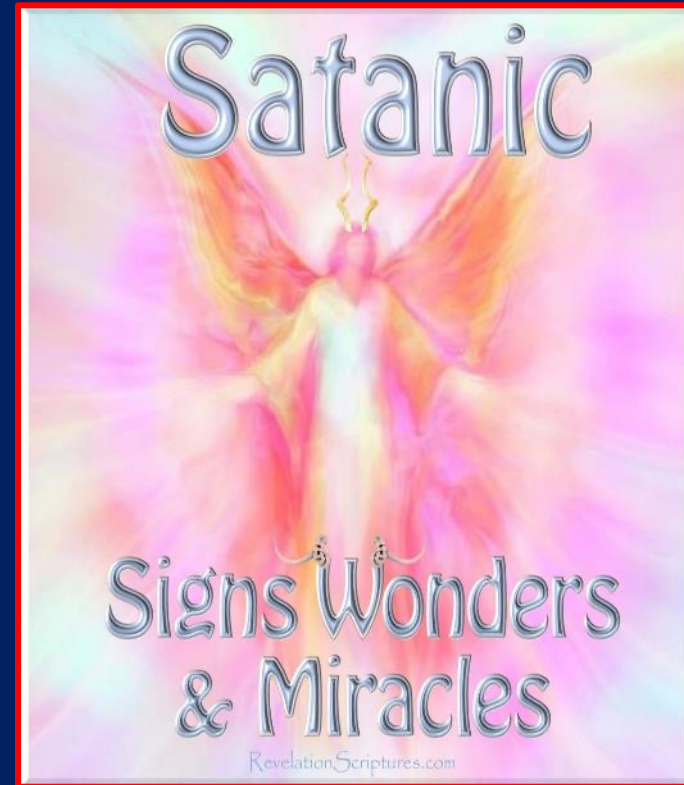
Galatians 1:6–9

⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; ⁷ which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!



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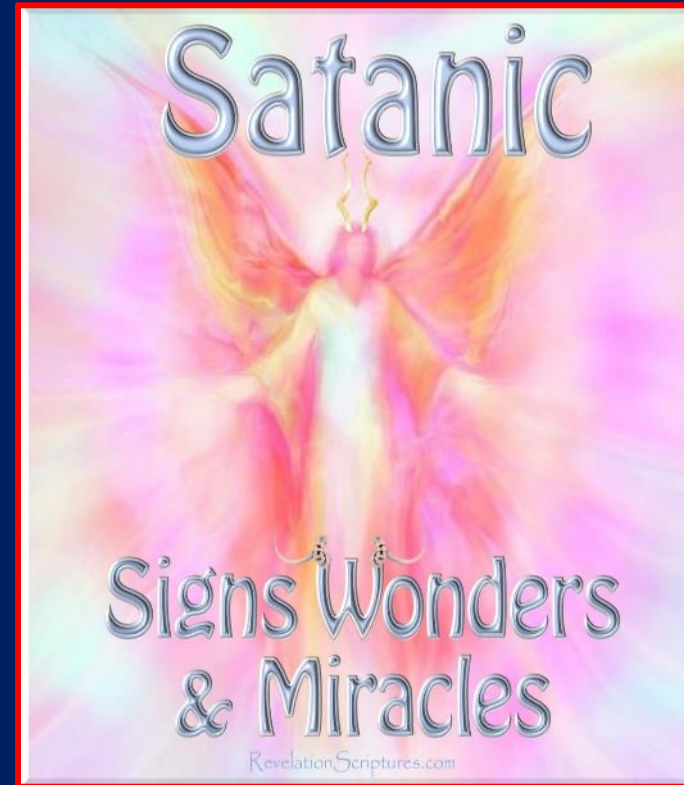
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