



SAVED TO SERVE
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DELIVERANCE BY THE VOICE OF GOD

1. In this lesson we will study the subject “God’s People Delivered.”
2. The objective of this lesson is to show the sequence of events beginning at the “Death Decree” pronounced upon God’s people to Jesus’ Second Coming to deliver His faithful people.
3. Let us identify the death decree that will be enacted upon God’s loyal, commandment-keeping people.
4. What will be pronounced upon God’s faithful people who refuse to worship falsely? Revelation 13:15 _____
5. Note: It is during the time of the falling of the seven last plagues that the wicked and unrepentant will endeavor to carry out the slaughtering of God’s commandment-keeping people. See Revelation 16:1-6 and *The Great Controversy*, 628.
“The angel of God declares: ‘Thou art righteous, O Lord, . . . because Thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.’ Revelation 16:2-6. By condemning the people of God to death, they have as truly incurred the guilt of their blood as if it had been shed by their hands. In like manner Christ declared the Jews of His time guilty of all the blood of holy men which had been shed since the days of Abel; for they possessed the same spirit and were seeking to do the same work with these murderers of the prophets.” {GC 627.3}
6. Note: It is in this time period when the vicious and enraged wicked are about to murder and devour God’s commandment-keeping people that the voice of Jesus is heard from heaven. Jesus’ voice stops the maddened and angry throng in their tracks. The faithful are protected. See *The Great Controversy*, 635. “The people of God--some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains--still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. Saith the Lord; ‘Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth . . . to come into the mountain of the Lord, to the Mighty One of Israel. And the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and shall show the lighting down of His arm, with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.’ Isaiah 30:29, 30.” {GC 635.2}
7. Let us discover now the sequence of events that transpire between the wicked’s attempt to slaughter God’s people and the time when God’s voice is heard.
8. What does Jesus say from heaven at this time to stop the wicked from fulfilling their evil intentions and also to protect His people? Revelation 16:17 _____
9. When Jesus says “It is done,” what does His voice do? Hebrews 12:25-27 _____
- 10a. Describe the condition of the elements of nature and the condition of the unrepentant when Jesus’ voice speaks from heaven? Joel 3:14-17 _____
- 10b. Note: Joel 3:14 says that multitudes are in the valley of decision. The word “decision” here means threshing and sifting. See the marginal reference.
11. Note: At this point some of God’s people who are held prisoners for their faithfulness to God are set free, as Peter was delivered. See Acts 12:5-17 and *The Great Controversy*, 637. “The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world’s great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God’s people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free. {GC 636.3}
12. At this point in the sequence of events, a special resurrection takes place. Jesus promised the wicked that condemned Him to death and who killed Him that they would see Him come in His glory at the second advent. In addition, all the faithful who died in the faith under the third angel’s message and were looking for the Second Coming are awakened to see Him return. This special resurrection is not the first or the second resurrections.
- 13a. What does Daniel predict, once Jesus stands up and closes probation and the time of trouble occurs? Daniel 12:1,2 _____

13b. Note: Daniel says that only some people will rise up at this time; and there will be two groups, like the first and the second resurrection. One for the righteous and the other for the wicked.

“Graves are opened, and ‘many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth. . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.’ Daniel 12:2. All who have died in the faith of the third angel’s message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God’s covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. ‘They also which pierced Him’ (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ’s dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.” {GC 637.1}

14. What did Jesus promise? Matthew 23:39; Matthew 26:63-65; Revelation 1:7_____

15. Note: At this time the wicked do not see Jesus, yet they hear His voice. What will they do and attempt to do? Isaiah 13:6; Isaiah 2:10-12,20,21; Revelation 6:14-17_____

16. The faithful saints of God during this crisis are no longer concerned about what the wicked may do to them. While the elements of nature are in chaos, what do the saints of God say and sing? Psalm 46:1-3_____

17. Note: The next event in the sequence is that God’s Ten Commandments, the two tables of stone, are revealed to the wicked in the clouds. Let us confirm.

18. How does the Bible describe the elements of nature when Jesus says, “It is done?” Revelation 16:17,18_____

19. How does the Bible describe the elements of nature when Jesus descended on mount Sinai and spake His laws, then shortly wrote them and handed them to Moses? Exodus 19:16-20_____

20. When Jesus says, “It is done” in these last days the Ten Commandments will be revealed again.

21. What says Psalm 50:6?_____

22. How does inspiration describe the attitude of the wicked when they see the Ten Commandments revealed at this time?_____

“The enemies of God’s law, from the ministers down to the least among them, have a new conception of truth and duty. Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. Too late they see the true nature of their spurious sabbath and the sandy foundation upon which they have been building. They find that they have been fighting against God. Religious teachers have led souls to perdition while professing to guide them to the gates of Paradise. Not until the day of final accounts will it be known how great is the responsibility of men in holy office and how terrible are the results of their unfaithfulness. Only in eternity can we rightly estimate the loss of a single soul. Fearful will be the doom of him to whom God shall say: Depart, thou wicked servant.” {GC 640.1}

23. How did Moses’ face look after He descended from mount Sinai, from God’s presence, with the Ten Commandments? Exodus 34:29,30_____

24. Likewise, when Jesus says “It is done” and the Ten Commandments are revealed, the faces of God’s commandment-keeping people will glow; no more will their faces look pale and care-worn. The wicked will also be afraid of them.

25. The following is the next event in the sequence. What will the saints see in the clouds, according to inspiration?_____

“Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man’s hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Savior and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man. In solemn silence they gaze upon it as it draws nearer the earth, becoming lighter and more glorious, until it is a great white cloud, its base a glory like consuming fire, and above it the rainbow of the covenant. Jesus rides forth as a mighty conqueror. Not now a ‘Man of Sorrows,’ to drink the bitter cup of shame and woe, He comes, victor in heaven and earth, to judge the living and the dead.” {GC 640.3}

26. Note: The saints of God will know this sign because they diligently studied and believed God’s words.

27. What did the angels tell the gazing disciples? In what manner did Jesus ascend? Acts 1:9-11_____

28. How does John describe the Second Coming of Jesus? Revelation 14:14_____

29. What did Elijah tell his servant to look for as the promised sign of blessing? 1 Kings 18:42-44_____

30. How does inspiration describe the attitude of the saints when they see Jesus fully? _____

“Before His presence ‘all faces are turned into paleness;’ upon the rejecters of God's mercy falls the terror of eternal despair. ‘The heart melteth, and the knees smite together, . . . and the faces of them all gather blackness.’ Jeremiah 30:6; Nahum 2:10. The righteous cry with trembling: ‘Who shall be able to stand?’ The angels' song is hushed, and there is a period of awful silence. Then the voice of Jesus is heard, saying: ‘My grace is sufficient for you.’ The faces of the righteous are lighted up, and joy fills every heart. And the angels strike a note higher and sing again as they draw still nearer to the earth.” {GC 641.1}

31. When the first resurrection finally occurs, what will God's faithful say? What are they also delivered from? 1 Corinthians 15:51-55

32. What are the one hundred and forty and four thousand delivered from? What is their experience? Revelation 7:13,14; Revelation 14:1-5 _____

33. What words does Jesus say to the saints who are saved and about to enter the Holy City, New Jerusalem? _____

“Before the ransomed throng is the Holy City. Jesus opens wide the pearly gates, and the nations that have kept the truth enter in. There they behold the Paradise of God, the home of Adam in his innocency. Then that voice, richer than any music that ever fell on mortal ear, is heard, saying: ‘Your conflict is ended.’ ‘Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” {GC 646.1}