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Battle Hymn of the Republic

(Julia Ward Howe, William Steffe)

**Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;**

**He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;**

**He hath loosed the fateful lightning
of His terrible swift sword:**

His truth is marching on



Battle Hymn of the Republic

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Previews

Revelation 14:1-13

God Gathering the Remnant of Israel

Revelation 14:14-16

The Seven Bowls of Judgment (Ch. 15-16)

Revelation 14:17-20

Battle of Armageddon (Ch. 16 & 19)



God's Sudden Judgment

Revelation 14:14-16 (NIV)

I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.



God's Sudden Judgment

Revelation 14:14-16 (NIV)

Cloud – God's Presence and Glory
Son of Man

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence."
Daniel 7:13 (NIV)

God's Sudden Judgment
Revelation 14:14-16 (NIV)

Cloud – God's Presence and Glory

Son of Man

***"At that time people will see the
Son of Man coming in clouds with
great power and glory." Mark 13:26
(NIV)***



God's Sudden Judgment

Revelation 14:14-16 (NIV)

15 Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

God's Sudden Judgment Revelation 14:14-16 (NIV)

Ripe – Dried, Withered, Overripened

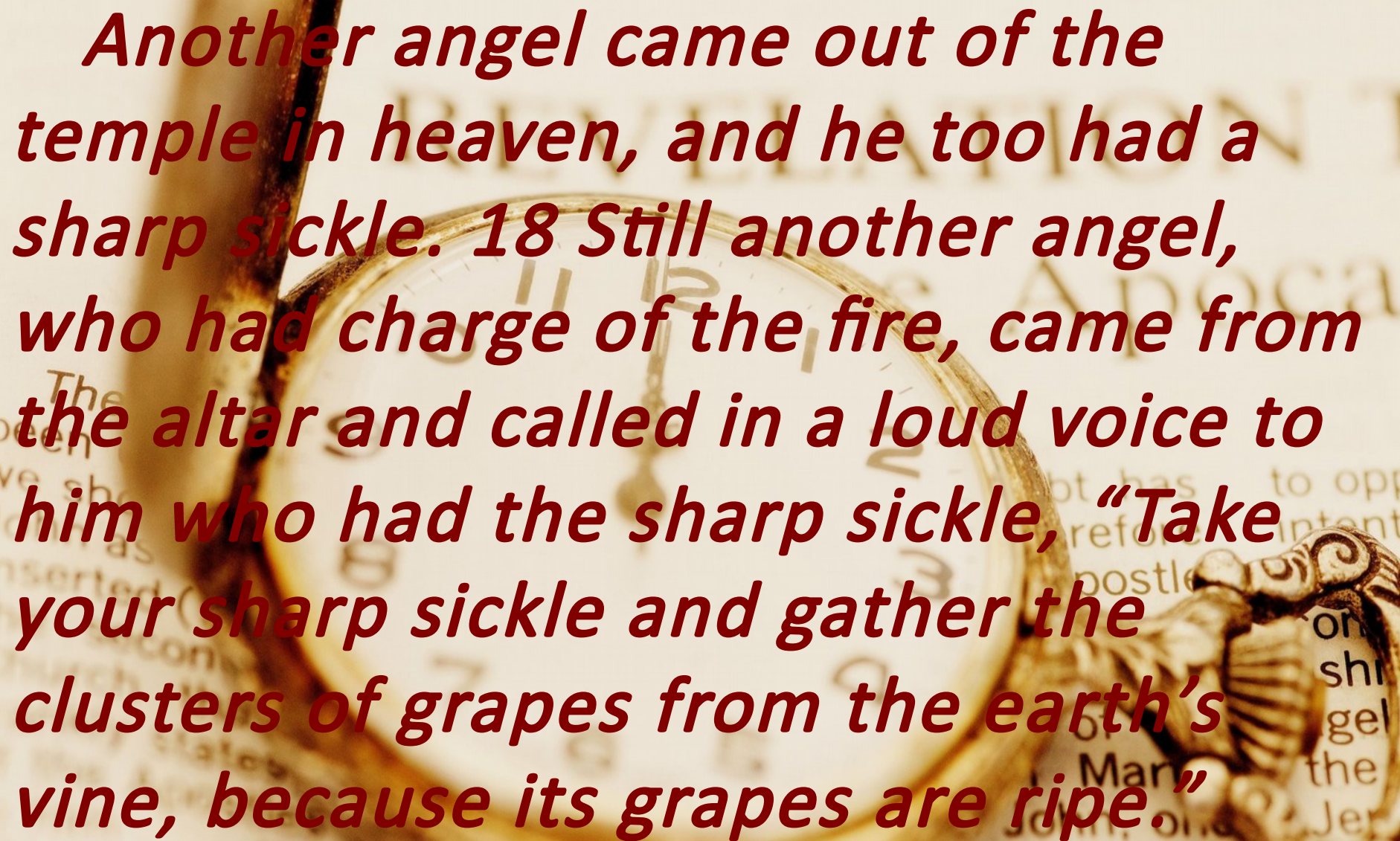
**Demonstrates God's Mercy By His
Delaying His Judgment Until It Can No
Longer Be Delayed.**



The Severity of God's Judgment

Revelation 14:17-20 (NIV)

Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18 Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe."



The Severity of God's Judgment

Revelation 14:17-20 (NIV)

Ripe – Differs from the word used for the grain harvest. This means to be at its prime. Evil had gone far enough.



The Severity of God's Judgment

Revelation 14:17-20 (NIV)

19 The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. 20 They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

God's Judgment Reveals His Glory

He Gives Us Freedom

To Choose Righteousness

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)

God's Judgment Reveals His Glory

He Offers the Means of Forgiveness

*God made him who had no sin to be
sin for us, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.*

2 Corinthians 5:21

(NIV)



God's Judgment Reveals His Glory

He Established His People To Reflect His
Glory In This Fallen World.

*Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners
and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires,
which wage war against your soul. 12 Live
such good lives among the pagans that,
though they accuse you of doing wrong,
they may see your good deeds and glorify
God on the day he visits us.*

1 Peter 2:11-12 (NIV)

God's Judgment Reveals His Glory

**He Holds Us Responsible
For What We Do**

*Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus*

Romans 8:1

(NIV)



God's Judgment Reveals His Glory

He Gives All Opportunity to Repent

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)



Christ's Exam Of Us Will Come

***I am he who searches
hearts and minds,
and I will repay
each of you
according to your deeds.***

Revelation 2:23b (NIV)

