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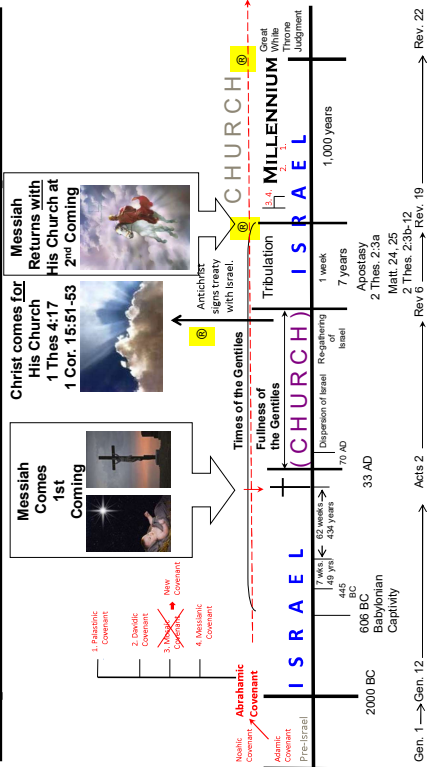
“Proclaiming the Eternal Gospel”

Rev. 14:6-8

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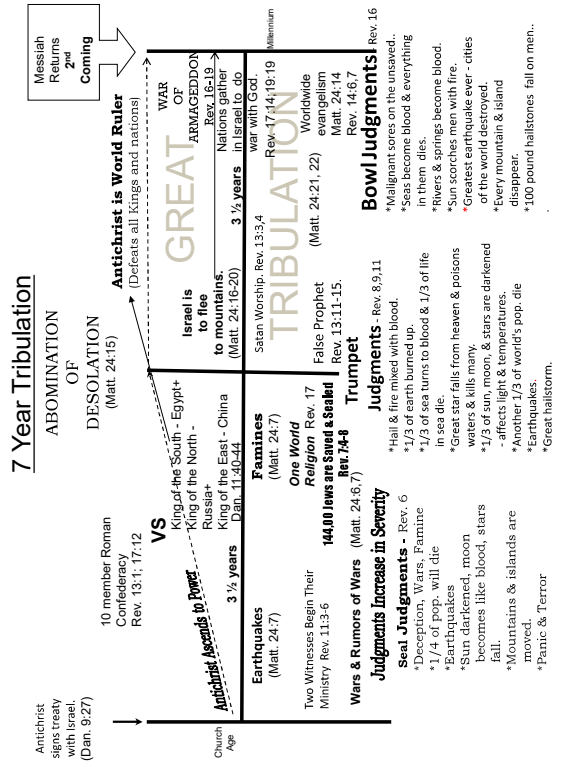
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Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



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Matt 24:14

14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

How is this accomplished?

1. 144,000 Jewish evangelists.
2. 2 witnesses.
3. Those won to Christ by #1 & 2 will in turn witness to others.
4. There is still the availability of God's Word.
5. The preaching angel hovering over the earth.

“And I saw another angel flying in midheaven,”

- “another” ἄλλος – another of the same kind. Rev. 12:7, 11:15. 10:1; 8:3.
- “midheaven” μεσουρανημα – middle of the heaven. Denotes the point in the noonday sky where the sun reaches its zenith. This is the highest and brightest point, where all can see and hear.
- This angel will have absolute liberty and freedom, unobstructed by the kingdom of Satan.
- He will fly back and forth continually in the sight of everybody as the earth rotates day after day after day after day.



“having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth,”

“eternal gospel” –

- This is the gospel that has never changed since the Fall.
- It spans all of history.
- It is the good news telling mankind they can enter in to the eternal kingdom of God. It was proclaimed by John the Baptist (Mat. 3:3), by the disciples (Mat. 10:7), by the seventy (Luke 10:9), and by the Lord (Mat. 4:17).
- It is the good news that the kingdom has been opened by Christ and all who believe can enter.
- This angel is preaching that good news that God has provided a kingdom, He has provided grace, He has provided peace, He has provided glory, He has provided it in Christ.
- This is unique in that angels today or in the O.T. did not preach the gospel. They were messengers but not preachers.
- God, to the very end, is still calling the world to believe. This will be their last chance.
- It is not too late. The angel is calling the people of the world to change their allegiance from the beast to the Lamb.

“and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;”

- It will require the angel to speak every human language in the world at that time.
- At present there are about 6,700 languages.
- So midheaven is the angel's pulpit and the world is his audience. What a scene!

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This is the correct 3-fold response to coming judgment –

1. “Fear God”

Fearing God is realizing who God is and realizing who we are.

Who God is?

Matt 10:28

28 "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Fearing God is realizing there is One who is bigger, greater, mightier, more powerful, and one who is able to bring judgment on my life for my sin.

2. “Give Him glory”

“glory” – δόξα – to ascribe to someone or something weightiness.

- God is weighty, heavy.
- This is because His attributes are so awesome.
- To give Him glory is not to “pile up” or add to the glory that He already has. All of His attributes are perfect and nothing more can be added.
- To give Him glory is to recognize, to magnify, to praise Him for Who He already is.

Rom 1:18-23

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Who we are?

Ecc1 7:20-21

20 Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.

We are sinners, unholy, unworthy, weak, and unable to thwart the judgment and wrath of God against our sin.

Therefore fearing God means:

- living in the reality of His holiness,
- living in the reality of His sovereignty,
- living in the reality of His judgment of sin.

“because the hour of His judgment has come;”

- The 7 bowl judgments are about to be unleashed on the earth.
- Nothing wrong with preaching judgment -

John 3:36

36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 16:8

- 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;
 - Is the angel frightening people into the kingdom? Yes he is.
 - While there are not different gospels, there are different presentations?
 - Depending on the situation, there may be a different emphasis – the sinfulness of sin, the righteousness of Christ, the coming judgment of all those lost.
 - I don't want to stray from Jn. 16:8.

“How much warning does the world need? How many holocausts does it take before they wake up? A fourth of the population of the world dies, a third of the population of the world dies, a fourth of the seas are polluted. The fresh water is polluted. People die from famines and plagues and earthquakes and wars. The sky rolls up. The stars fall. The earth is pelted with fiery bodies falling out of the sky. The crops die. The green grass across the face of the earth dies. Two hundred million demons go across the globe with devastation and destruction. People are given diseases and ultimately even death.”

What does it take?

“worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”

3. “worship Him”

- Worship always begins with the person of God and His creation of the universe.
- Creation is the unanswerable question for the unbelieving world.
- Creation is the great proof of God.
- For the great effect known as creation, there must be a cause.
- God is the uncaused first cause.
- The Antichrist didn't create the universe, Satan didn't create the universe, God did.
- This is always the ground for fear, always the ground for glory, always the ground for worship and reverence, and always the ground for faith.
- And the creator is the judge. Therefore He who started it will end it. The Maker is the executioner, the One who brought it into existence is the One who will put it out of existence.

The response to the eternal gospel then, is that men should fear God and give Him glory rather than fearing the False Prophet and the Antichrist and giving them glory. The angel is asking them to do for God precisely what they're doing for the Antichrist. They're worshipping him. They're bowing down to him. And they're in fear of him and his ability to destroy them. So the hour of judgment has come and the hour of mercy and grace has come to an end.

“And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great.”

- A second angel followed in the sky.
- This is a pronouncement of judgment.

Who is Babylon?

5 Possibilities:

1. Babylon is a code name for Jerusalem.
 2. Babylon symbolizes those who worship the beast.
 3. Babylon is a code name for Rome.
 4. Babylon refers to the papacy.
 5. Babylon is a city on the Euphrates River.
- There is no indication in the text that it is none other than the literal city of history on the banks of the Euphrates River.

How do you know God exists and the Bible is true?

1. Creation of the universe. (Creation View vs. Evolution View)

- Look in a microscope.
- Look in a telescope.
- *From the smallest sub-atomic particle to the expanse of the universe for as far as we can see, it all declares and demands a creator, a designer, a spaceless, timeless, matterless, supernatural being.

2. Condition of man's heart. (Sin Nature View vs. Predetermined Genetics View)

- Look at a newspaper.
- Listen to the news.
- *Every day, month, year, decade, century, millennia is an unending succession of sinful, evil events by mankind that violates not only God's moral law, but the civil and moral laws of man.

3. Confirmation of a worldwide flood. (Cataclysmic View vs. Uniformitarian View)

- Look at the origin of oil and coal deposits.
- Look at the existence of fossils in unusual places and the formation of fossils in sedimentary limestone.
- *The rapid accumulation, transportation, and sudden burial of vast amounts of vegetation that constitute the various coal beds found in the earth today, are only explained by a cataclysmic flood that covered the earth.
- *The countless billions and billions of animal fossils in “graveyards” around the world, in many cases exquisitely preserved, testify to the rapid burial of once-living animals on a global scale in a watery cataclysm and its immediate aftermath. Often these fossil graveyards consist of mixtures of marine and land-dwelling creatures, indicating that the waters of this global cataclysm swept over both the oceans and the continents.

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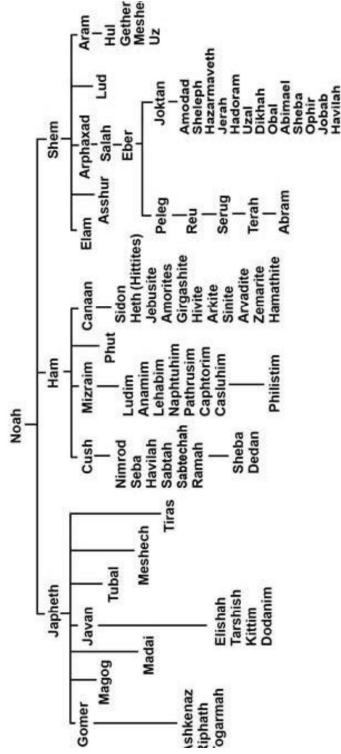
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History of ancient Babylon.

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Gen 10:8-10

- 8 Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.
- 9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord."
- 10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

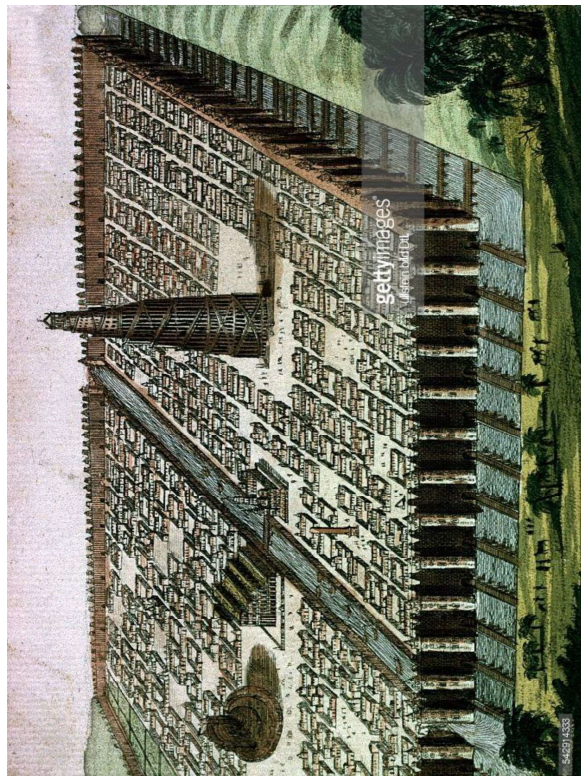
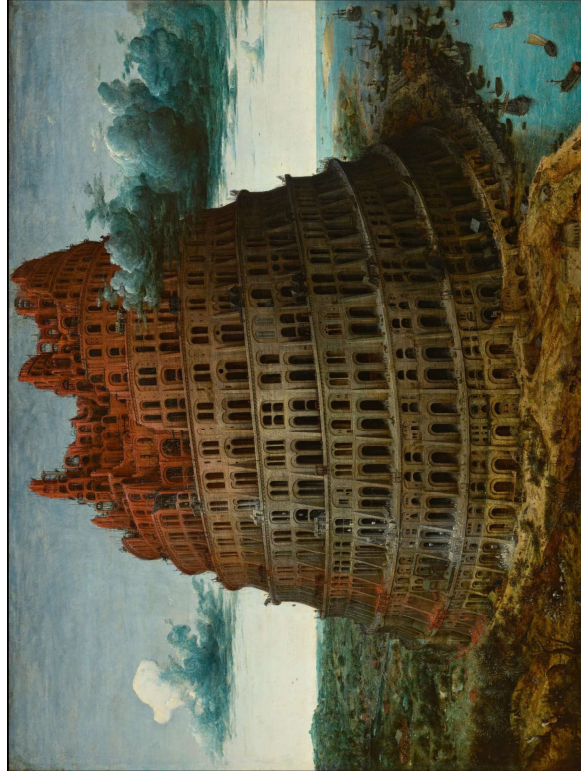


Gen 11:1-9

- 1 Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words.
- 2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
- 3 They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.
- 4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."
- 5 The Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.
- 6 The Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.
- 7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."
- 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.
- 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

"It has a solid central tower, one furlong square, with a second erected on top of it and then a third, and so on up to eight. All eight towers can be climbed by a spiral way running around the outside, and about halfway up there are seats for those who make the journey to rest on."

- Historian Herodotus in 440 B.C.



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- Founded by Nimrod (2,300 B.C.) – “to rebel”.
- Babel represented rebellion against God.
- All idols of the world originate from Babylon.
- All false religious systems originate from Babylon.
- Nebuchadnezzar built the city for his glory (600 B.C.) -

Dan 4:30

30 "The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'

- Like "Hollywood" the name represents the world system as well as being the name of a particular city.

1 Peter 5:12-14

12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!
 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

- **Babylon is the fountainhead for all idolatry and pagan religious systems.**

Tammuz is killed by a wild boar

Semiramis mourns for 40 days

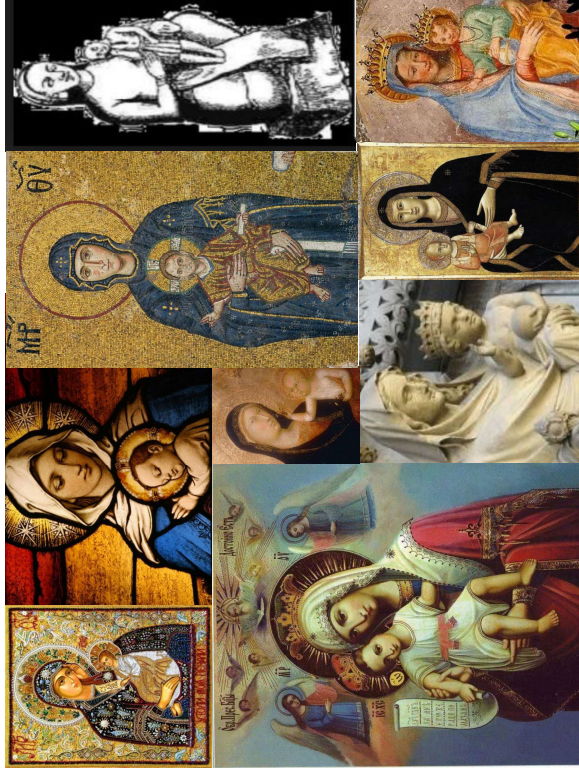
Tammuz comes back to life

Tammuz is now known as the reincarnation of Cush and therefore deified and becomes known as Baal

Semiramis is deified and becomes the High Priestess of Babylonian paganism.

Titles given to Semiramis :

- “Virgin Mother”
- “Mother of God”
- “Queen of Heaven”
- “My Lady”
- “Madonna”



Cush + Semiramis

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Nimrod

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Cush dies and becomes one with the sun

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Nimrod + Semiramis

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Semiramis impregnated with a sun beam (Cush)

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Tammuz

So begins the mother/child cult

Spreads throughout the world:

| Country | Mother | Child |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Egypt | Isis | Osiris |
| India | Isi | Iswara; |
| Asia | Cybele | Deoios; |
| Ephesus | Diana | Child in arms |
| Rome | Fortuna | Jupiter |
| | Venus | Cupid |
| | Mary | Jesus |
| Greece | Aphrodite | Eros |
| | Ceres | With the babe |
| | Irene | Plutus |
| Tibet, China, and Japan | Shing Moo | Child in her arms |

- Babylon became a powerful empire.

- Was destroyed by the Persians in 539 B.C.

- Babylon will be rebuilt and will once again be:

1. everything that is anti-God under the Antichrist.
2. an attempt to unite the world into one. All of humanity was united in the first Babylon, and it will be reunited in false religion and idolatry in the last Babylon.
3. the center of control for the world –

| Political | Economic | Religious |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 world government led by Antichrist. | Buy and sell only with “666”. | All worship the Antichrist. |

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- This is fornication on a spiritual level.
- The people of the world get involved in the system and they drink the wine, they get intoxicated on the passion of spiritual immorality.
- "passion" $\thetaυμουσ$ - anything inflammatory, exciting or passionate.
- It is out of control desire shown in –
 - rebellion
 - idolatry
 - animosity and hatred toward God

The world is out of control. They are reeling with the intoxication of false religion. They are disoriented with lies. They are drunk with deception.

The world now faces judgment. The end has come.



Isaac Watts
(1674-1748)

Isaac Watts was born on July 17, 1674, in Southampton, England and was the eldest of nine children. He was a very bright young man. He learned Latin at the age of five, Greek at nine, French at eleven, and Hebrew at thirteen. He began to write verses of good quality when he was very young.

Isaac Watts is frequently referred to as the father of English hymnody. He almost single handedly changed the congregational singing habits of English-speaking churches. One of Watts' concerns was the deplorable state to which congregational singing had degenerated. The singing consisted of slow, ponderous Psalms, where each line was first read by an appointed deacon and then the congregation would sing it.

- Rev. 14:8 predicts that this great city, this capitol city for the Antichrist, this pagan city which represents all false religions is going to FALL AND FALL HARD! Notice the repeat of the word "Fallen" for emphasis. Like "truly, truly" or "Woe, Woe, Woe".
- Babylon is the area where Satan first corrupted the human race, had 4 of his demons chained by God, and had 200,000,000 demons released.
- This will be the end for Babylon and all her followers.
- God is going to crush the city and all that it stands for.

Jer 51:7-9

7 Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the Lord, intoxicating all the earth.

The nations have drunk of her wine;

Therefore the nations are going mad.

8 Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken;

Wall over her!

Bring balm for her pain;

Perhaps she may be healed.

9 We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not healed;

Forsake her and let us each go to his own country,

For her judgment has reached to heaven

And towers up to the very skies.



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Watts once wrote: "The singing of God's praise is the part of worship most closely related to heaven, but its performance among us is the worst on earth." Sensing young Watts' displeasure, his father exclaimed in so many words: "Why don't you give us something better young man!" Before the evening service began Isaac had written his first hymn. It was well received by the congregation, and he then wrote a new hymn every Sunday for two years. Watts believed that the New Testament church should sing praise to God in the "language of the New Testament." Because of his bold departure from the traditional Psalms, Isaac Watts was often considered as a radical of his day. It has been said, "To Watts more than to any other man is due the triumph of the hymn in English worship. All later hymn writers, even when they excel him, are his debtors."



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Watt's lifelong ambition, according to his own words, was to be a servant to churches and a helper of Christians. Isaac won and held the hearts of a large share of the English-speaking world over a long period of years, despite the fact that as a child he was never strong, and despite the fact also that he was forced to resign a pastorate because of poor health. For the latter thirty years of his life, he was more or less an invalid, but devoted himself in comfortable and happy surroundings to the writing of many of the beautiful hymns, still popular today. It was an age of great hymn writers. Watts was a contemporary of Doddridge, the Wesleys, Newton and Cowper.



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Isaac penned this hymn in 1707 in preparation for a communion service. In its day, it was controversial - the first hymn to use a personal pronoun and to involve a personal religious experience. Such hymns were known as "hymns of human composure".

This hymn was first published under the title "Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ", as titles at that time summarized the theme of the hymn.

Charles Wesley reportedly said he would gladly give up all his other hymns to have written this one. Another contemporary of Isaac Watts said of it, "There may be a few others equally great, but there is none greater."

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
4. His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
That were a present far too small;
All the vain things that charm me most,
Love so amazing, so divine,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Forever and forevermore.
6. To Christ, who won for sinners grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and forevermore.



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All one needs to do to realize the truth of this statement is to sing this majestic hymn. Isaac Watts based this hymn on the Scriptural reference of **Galatians 6:14**. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Isaac Watts died in 1748 at the age of 75. On his monument appears this line, which is really a tribute to his greatness:

"Ages unborn will make his songs the joy and labor of their tongues."

This great hymn that Isaac Watts wrote was . . .