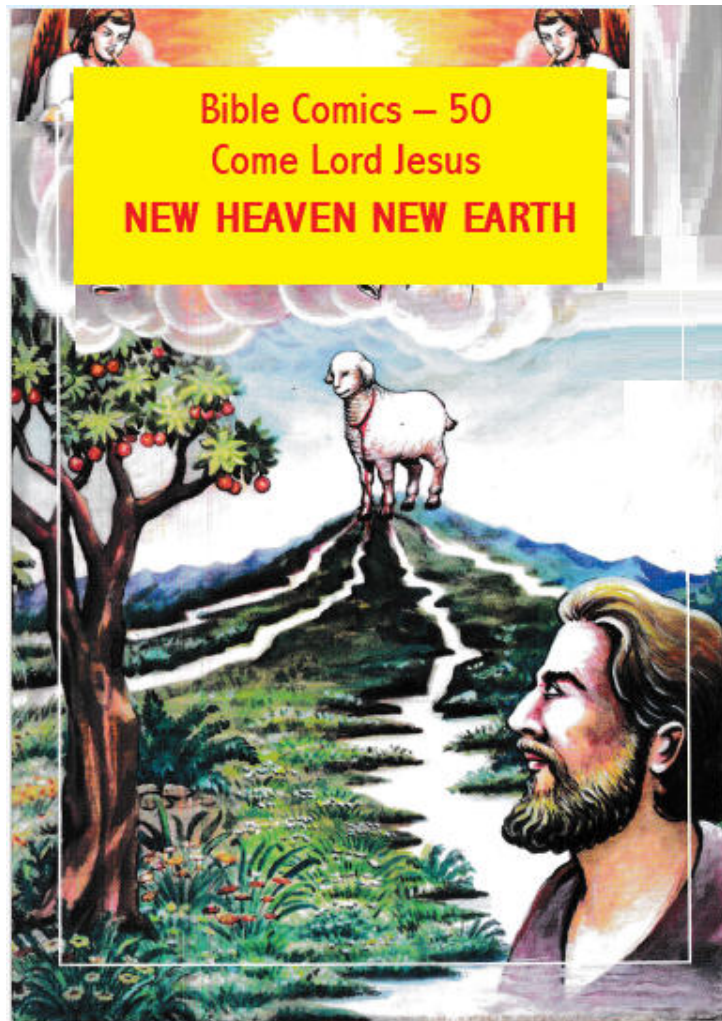


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Come Lord Jesus
NEW HEAVEN NEW EARTH



COME LORD JESUS!

The history of salvation will come to its fulfillment when evil will be completely annihilated and the world that is now under the power of evil will be thoroughly renewed. The book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, concludes by depicting God's victory over evil. All form of oppression and suffering will come to an end. Death, the ultimate enemy of life will be destroyed. God Himself will establish His Kingdom of everlasting peace and happiness upon this earth that is now plagued with

oppression and exploitation, hatred and divisions, misery and death.

Though the Book of Revelation contains such a beautiful message, it is difficult to understand because the message is clothed in a symbolic language that is not quite familiar to the present day reader. The content of the book as well as the historical circumstances in which the book was written compelled the author to use such a symbolic language. Though the symbols might seem strange to us, they were not so for the first

century readers of Jewish and Christian background.

Towards the end of the first century A.D., Christians in the Roman Empire met with a terrible persecution. Thousands of people lost their property, liberty and their very lives for their faith in Jesus Christ. The book of Revelation was written with the main intention of encouraging the persecuted Christians to keep their faith. Evidently it is the Roman emperor who persecuted the Christians. But the sacred author recognized Satan standing behind the

emperor. The imperial power was only an agent of Satan.

Persecution is the attack launched by the powers of evil against the church of Christ. In fact, it is the decisive battle between good and evil, between God and Satan. Such a theme of cosmic proportions could be depicted only in symbols. Besides, the revolutionary content of the book that announced the imminent destruction of the imperial forces had to be clothed in symbols in order to reach it to the

believers without being detected by the political authority.

In the book of Revelation extremely beautiful and horrible pictures are intermingled. Whatever is good and divine is beautiful; whatever is evil and diabolic is horrible. The symbols of the serpent, beasts, prostitute etc. depict the nature and activity of Satan, whereas the symbols of the lamb, bride, New Jerusalem etc. describe the salvation through Jesus.

In order to exhort and encourage Christians not to renounce their faith for fear of

persecution or for material gain and pleasure, the sacred author depicts in vivid colours the terrible punishment that will befall the sinners. The destruction of Rome is a symbol of eternal punishment reserved for all those who reject and oppose God. The new Heaven and New Earth on the contrary describe the eternal happiness destined for the faithful.

In the present story, we have depicted a few scenes from the Book of Revelation. The pictures of ineffable beauty and unimaginable horror should persuade the readers to avoid sin and

remain faithful to Christ at any cost. “Come Lord Jesus” is the prayer that rises unceasingly from the Church waiting for the establishment of the Kingdom of God upon the earth. To this prayer Jesus replies: “Yes, I am coming soon”. This promise of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord, is the solid rock on which our hopes are anchored.

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**Come Lord Jesus.
New Heaven New Earth.**

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Emperor Nero committed suicide in A. D. 68. Rome torn by internal conflicts had three emperors within one year. Finally in A. D. 69 Vespasian assumed power and when he died in A. D. 79, his son Titus succeeded him. Upon his death in A. D. 81, his brother Domitian became the emperor.



Your Majesty, the representatives from the cities of Ephesus, Pergamus and Philippi are here with a request.

Your Majesty, the Eastern Provinces have decided to worship you as our God and King.

We would like to erect your statues in all the cities and offer sacrifices.

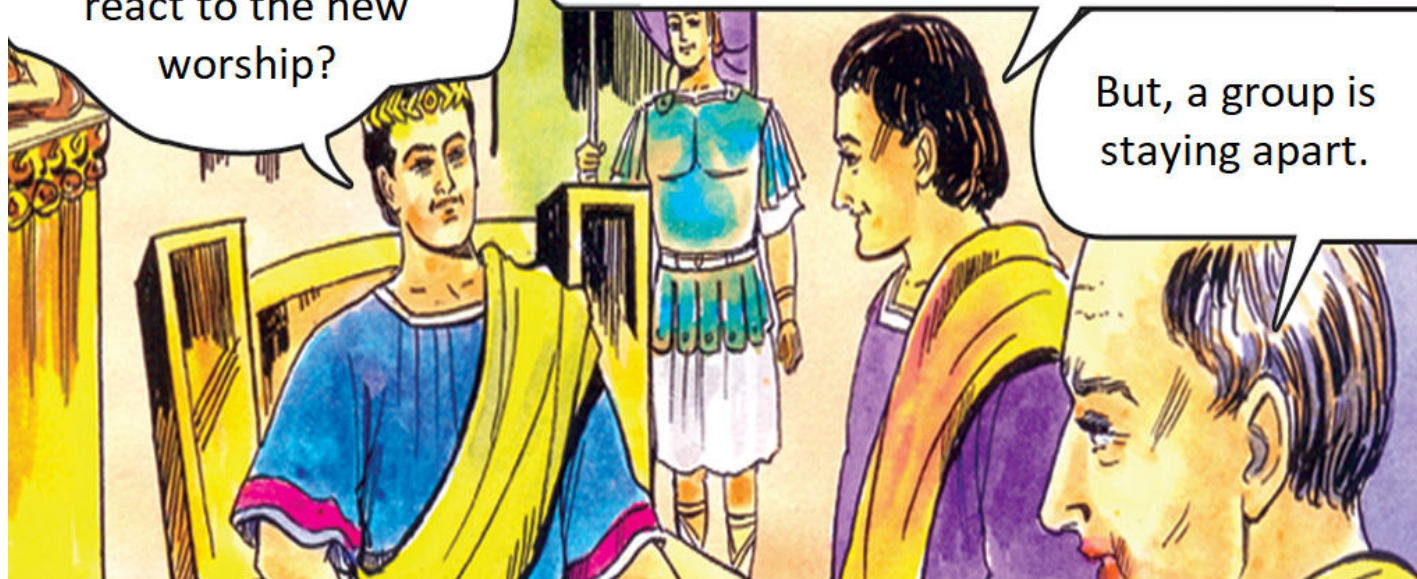
Very good, unity in worship will foster unity in empire. We shall meet half of the expenses.

Gradually emperor-worship became a sign of loyalty to the empire. Refusing to do so was considered as high treason.

How do the people react to the new worship?

All are very happy with it. New temples are being constructed in all the cities.

But, a group is staying apart.



Who are they?

Christians. They would
worship only an
invisible God and
accept only Christ as
their king.

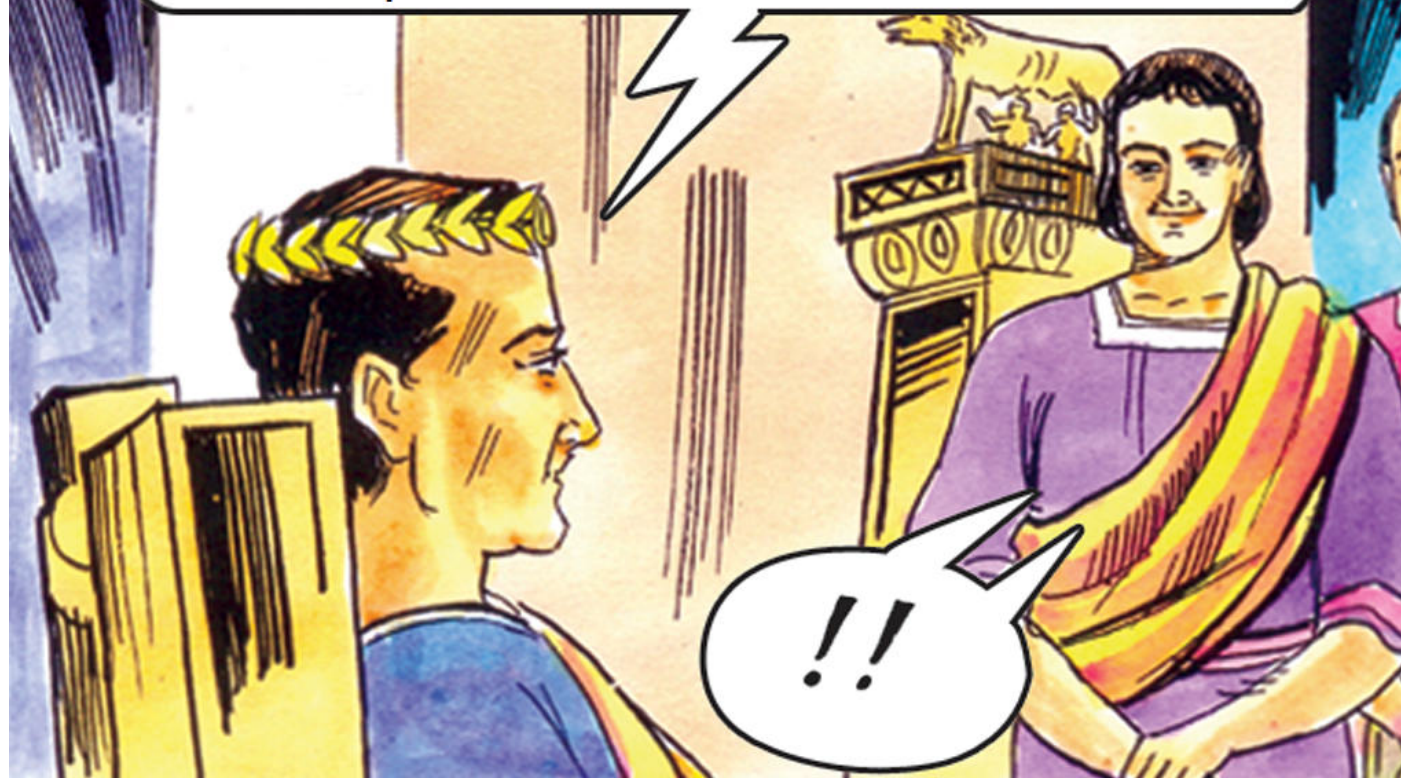



Isn't there a law prescribing capital punishment for being a Christian?



Sorry to say,
your father and
brother did not
enforce that
law.

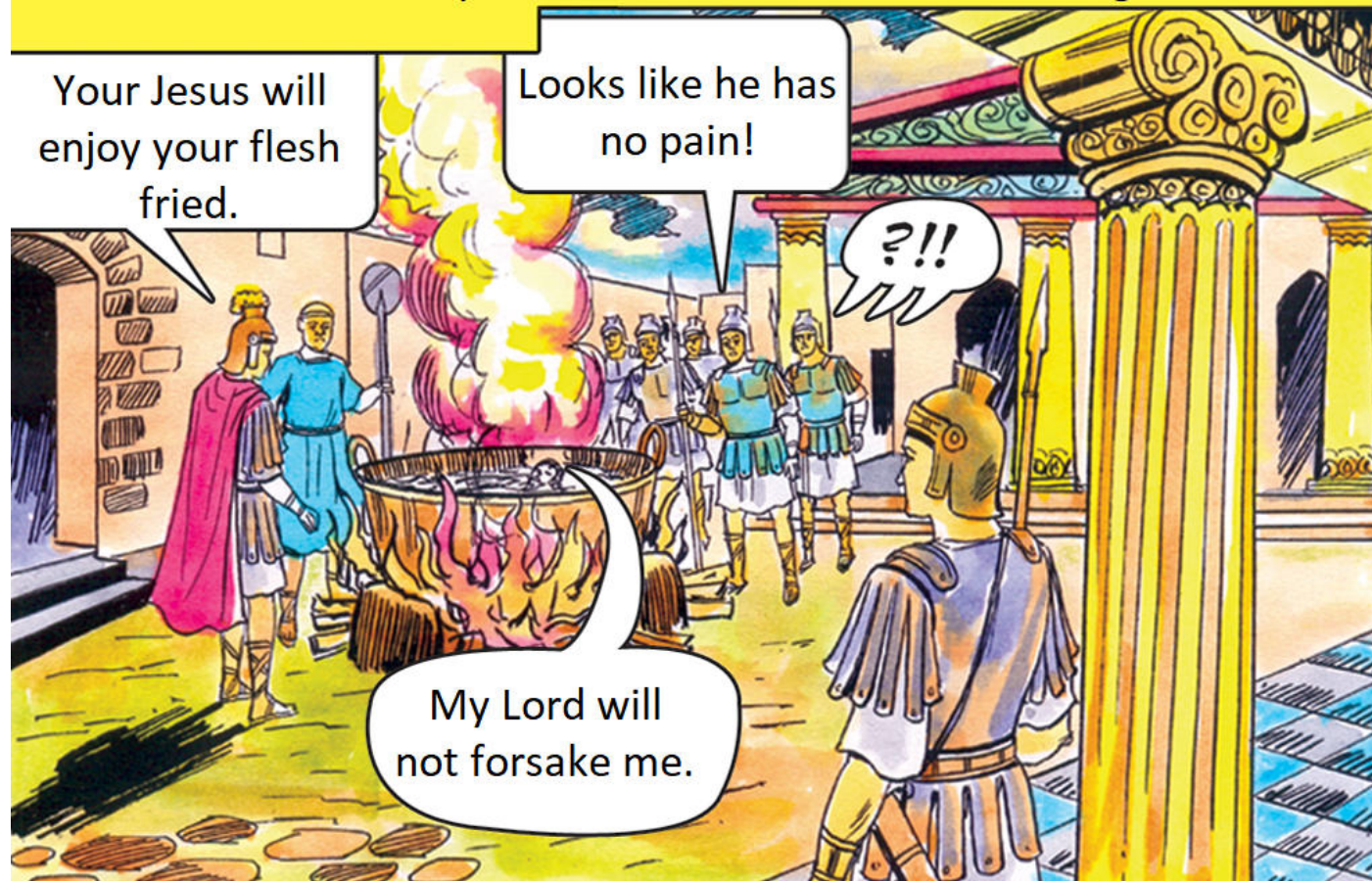
Well, we wish to enforce it now.
Besides, all must have the mark of the
emperor tattooed on their hands.





Give certificates to those
who offer incense. Others
should be hunted down and
killed.

Severe persecution followed. Many Christians were brutally murdered. Apostle John was thrown into boiling oil.



When John was pulled out.

Why don't we chop off his head?

No! He shall be exiled.



They exiled John to the island of Patmos.



Months later.

Take good care that these letters reach the brothers in Ephesus without getting them in the hands of the soldiers. Let all the Christians read them.

We shall come back soon, the whole church is praying for you.



Don't worry about me. Ask our brothers to remain strong in faith.

Many have died for the faith. What will happen to them?

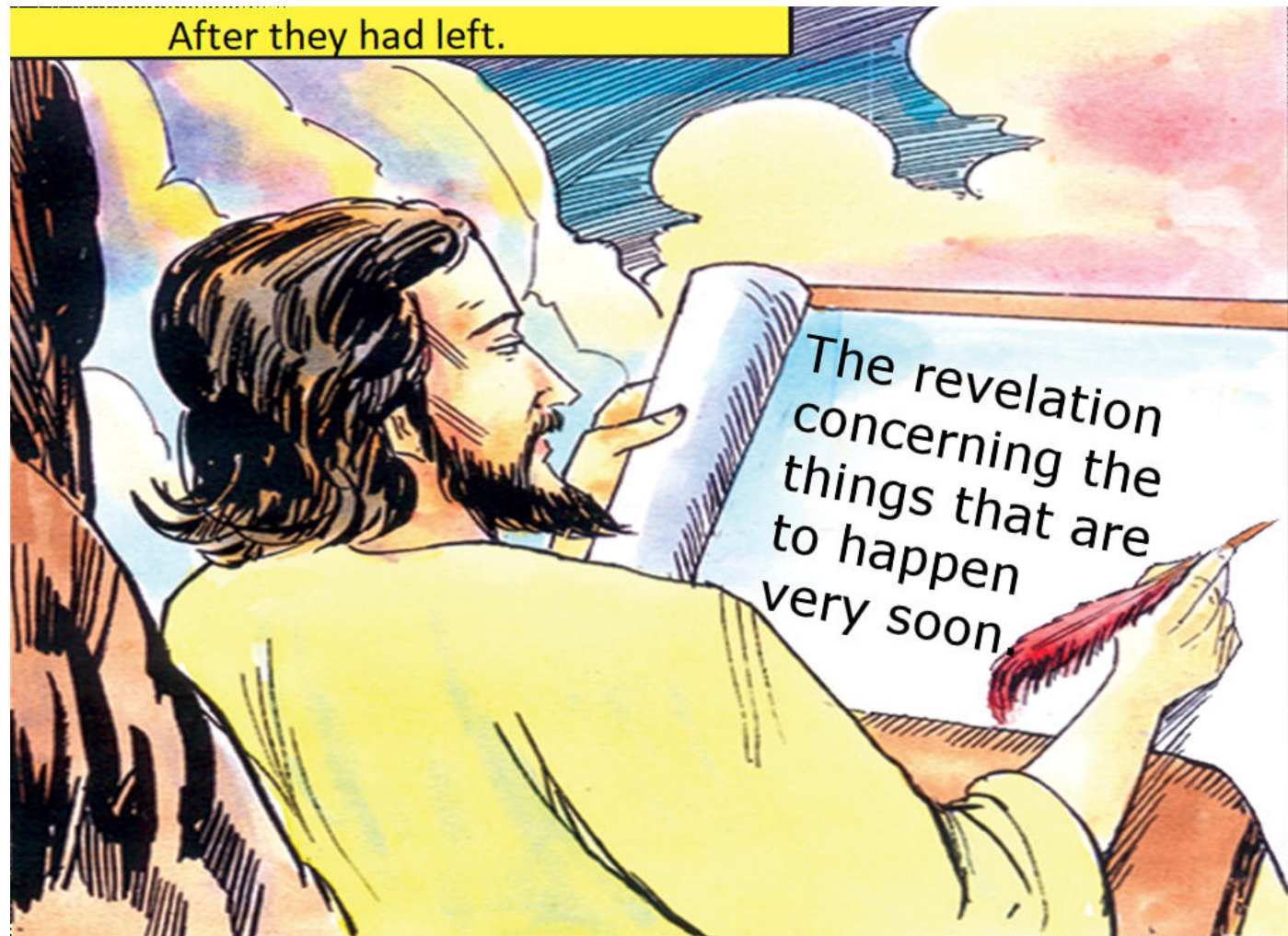


When would the Lord come back? Is there no end to this persecution?



It will not be long
before the Lord comes.
We have to suffer a
little more.

After they had left.



WRITE DOWN WHAT
YOU SEE IN A SCROLL AND SEND IT
TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES
IN ASIA.



DO NOT BE AFRAID. I AM THE
FIRST AND THE LAST. I WAS
DEAD BUT I LIVE. WRITE.



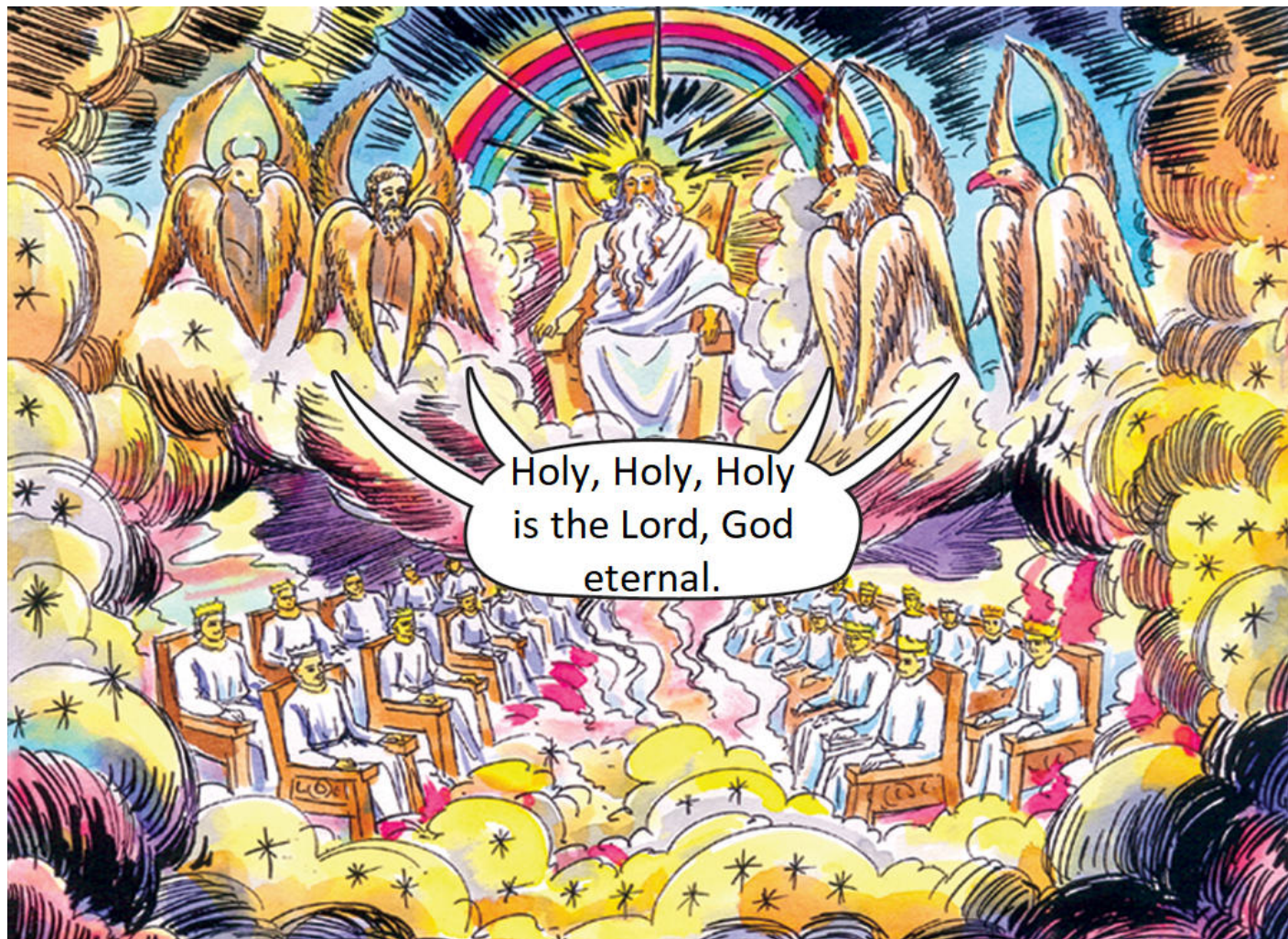
THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF
THE BOOK OF REVELATION.



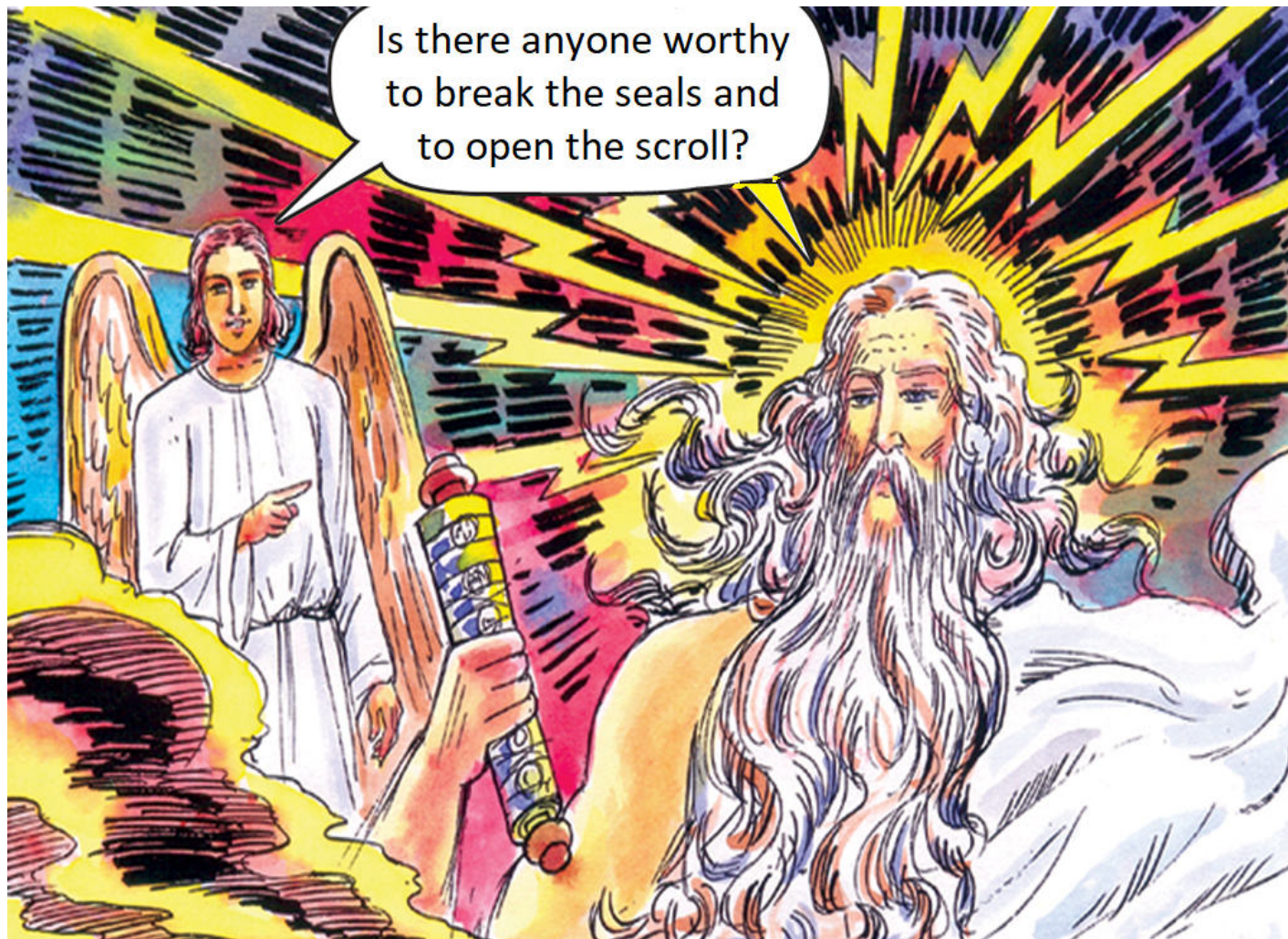
After that, there appeared a door open in Heaven.

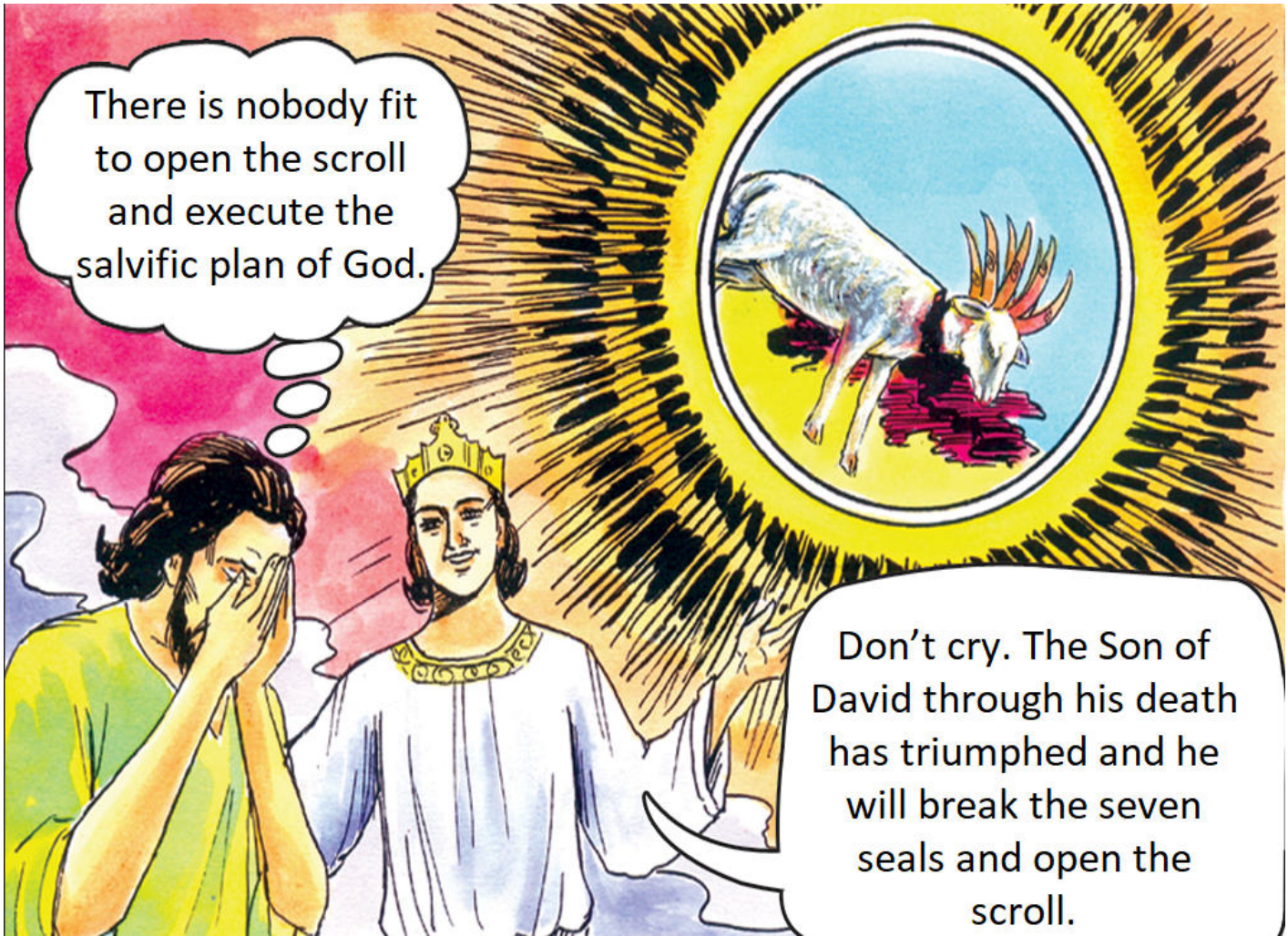
COME UP HERE.
I WILL SHOW
YOU WHAT IS TO
COME IN THE
FUTURE.





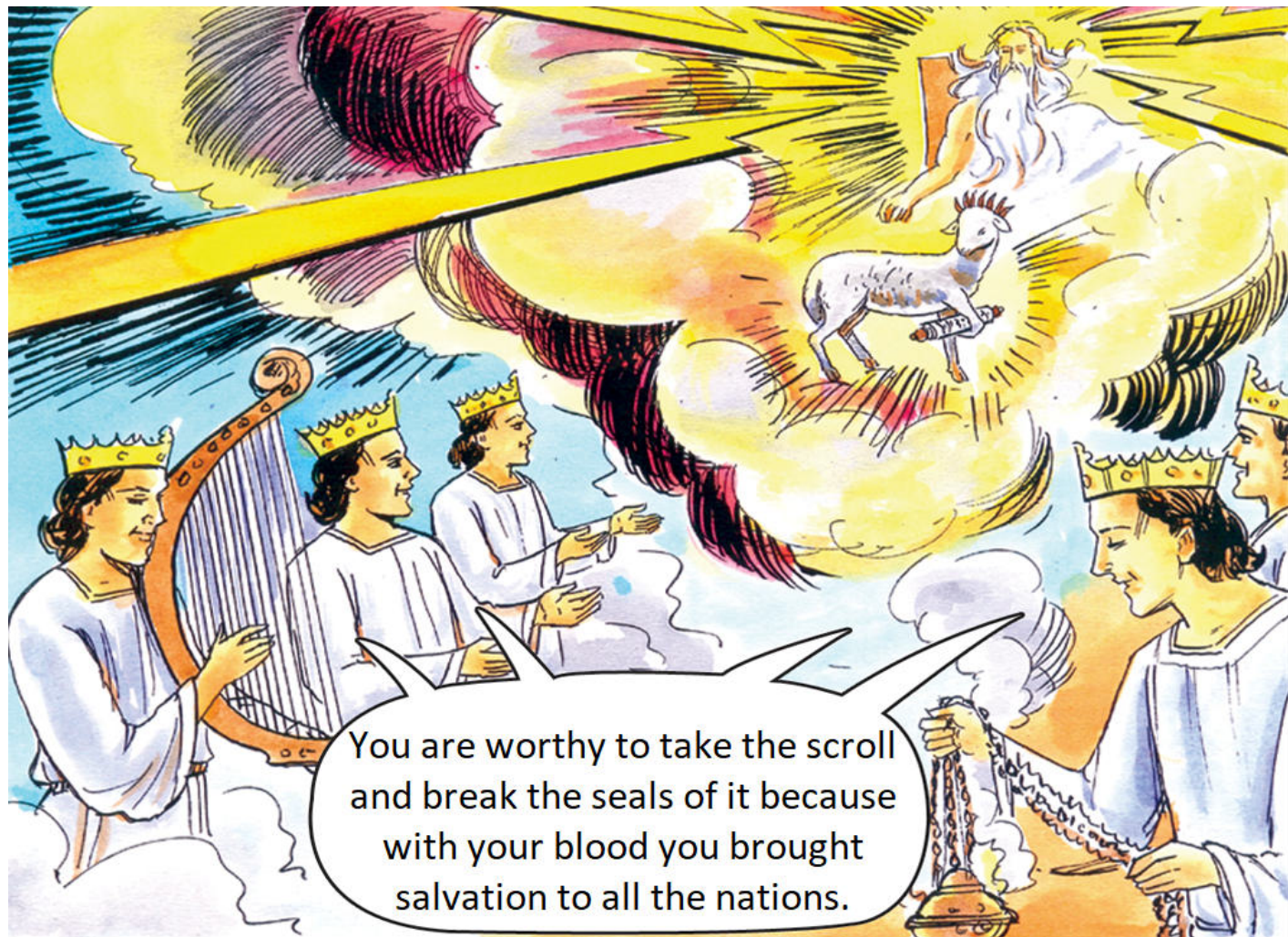
Is there anyone worthy
to break the seals and
to open the scroll?



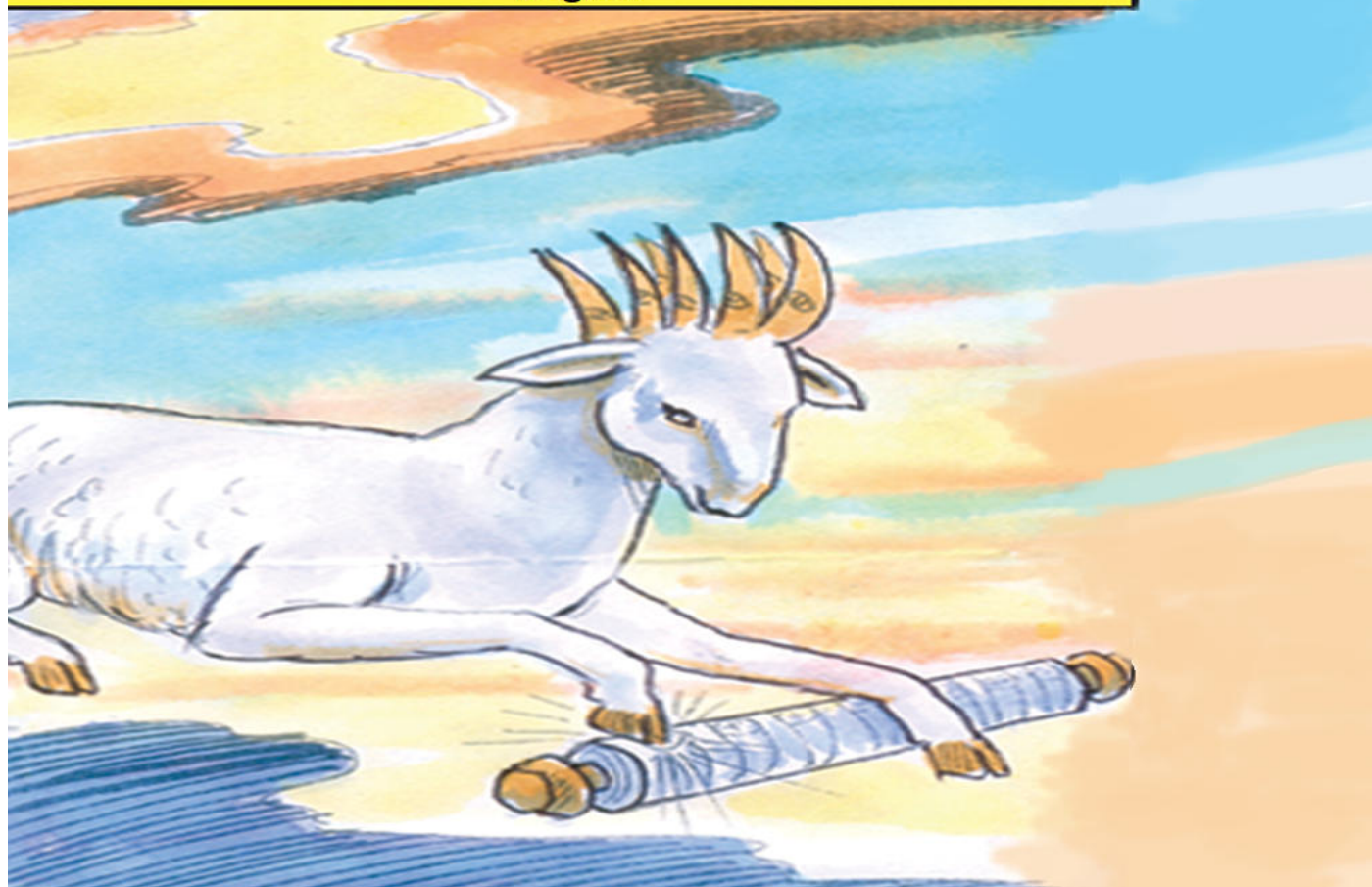


There is nobody fit
to open the scroll
and execute the
salvific plan of God.

Don't cry. The Son of
David through his death
has triumphed and he
will break the seven
seals and open the
scroll.



As the Lamb broke the seals punishment of the evil began.



He received the victor's crown and started his triumphal march.



Wars and revolutions broke out.



A severe famine followed.




A kilo of corn for a day's wage!

The illustration depicts a man with a beard and a yellow cape riding a dark horse. He holds a pair of scales of justice in his right hand. The horse is galloping over a large, billowing cloud. Below the cloud, a crowd of people is visible, looking up at the rider. The background features a large, bright sun or moon in a blue sky.

Plague and starvation killed many.





When the fifth seal was opened.

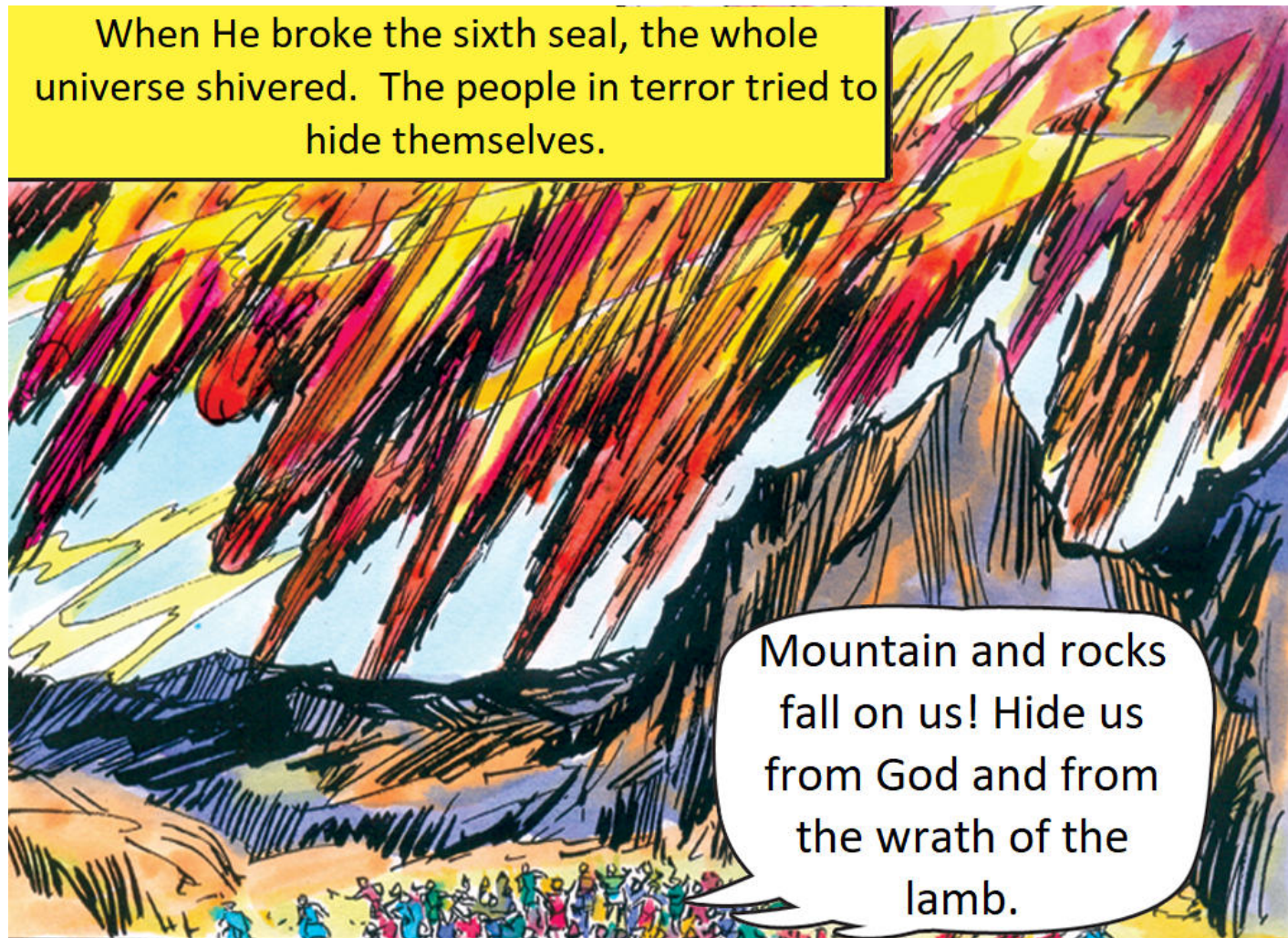
O Lord! How much longer
will you wait before you
pass sentence and take
vengeance for our blood?

They were given white robes as a sign of their victory.

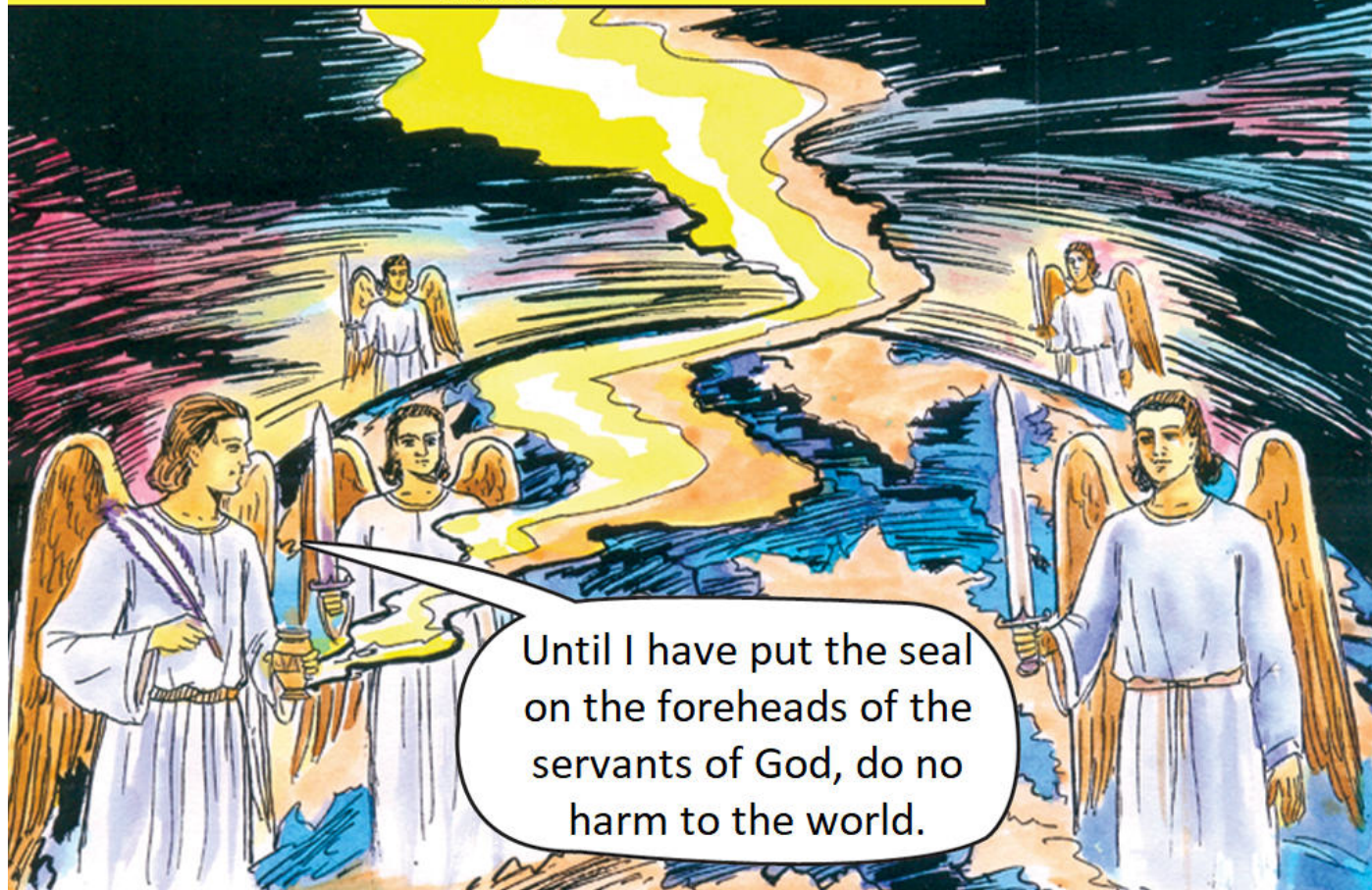
WAIT A
LITTLE
LONGER UNTIL
THE NUMBER
OF MARTYRS
IS
COMPLETED.



When He broke the sixth seal, the whole universe shivered. The people in terror tried to hide themselves.



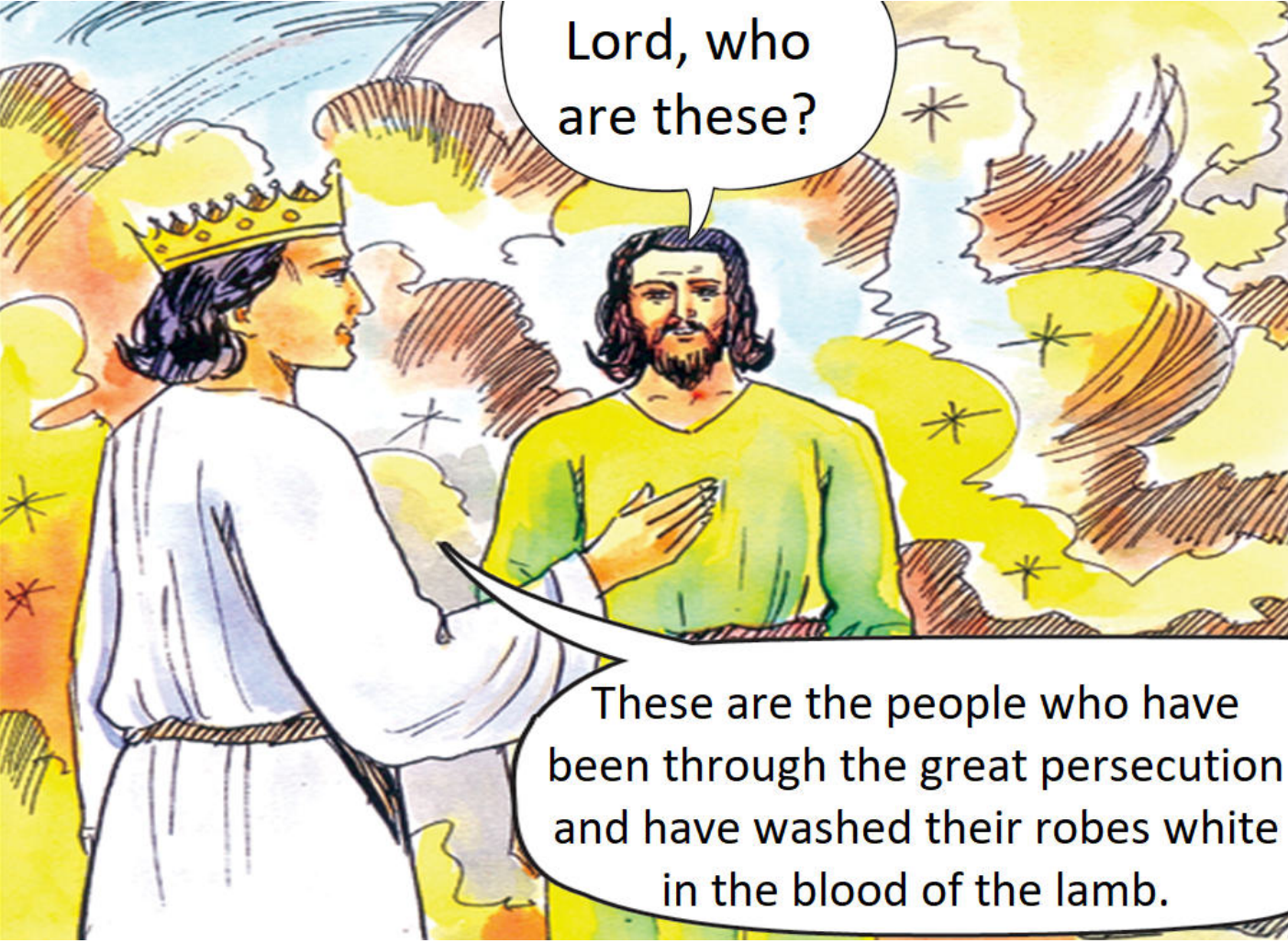
Four angels representing God's protection of the world.



144000 people, symbolizing the visible church, were marked. Then a huge crowd representing all the saved appeared.

Victory to our God and to the Lamb. Praise and glory and honor and power to our God for ever and ever. Amen!





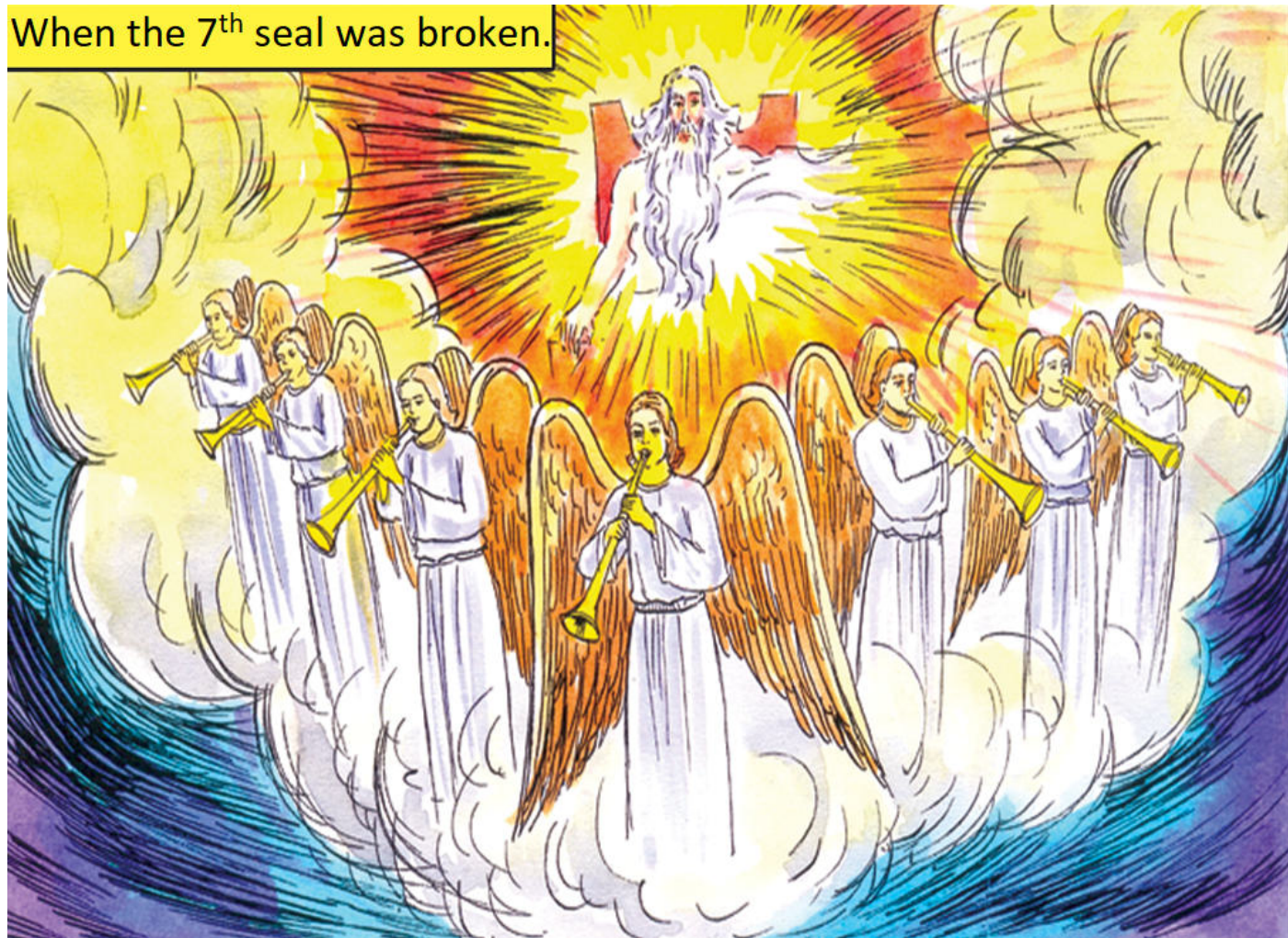
Lord, who
are these?

These are the people who have
been through the great persecution
and have washed their robes white
in the blood of the lamb.

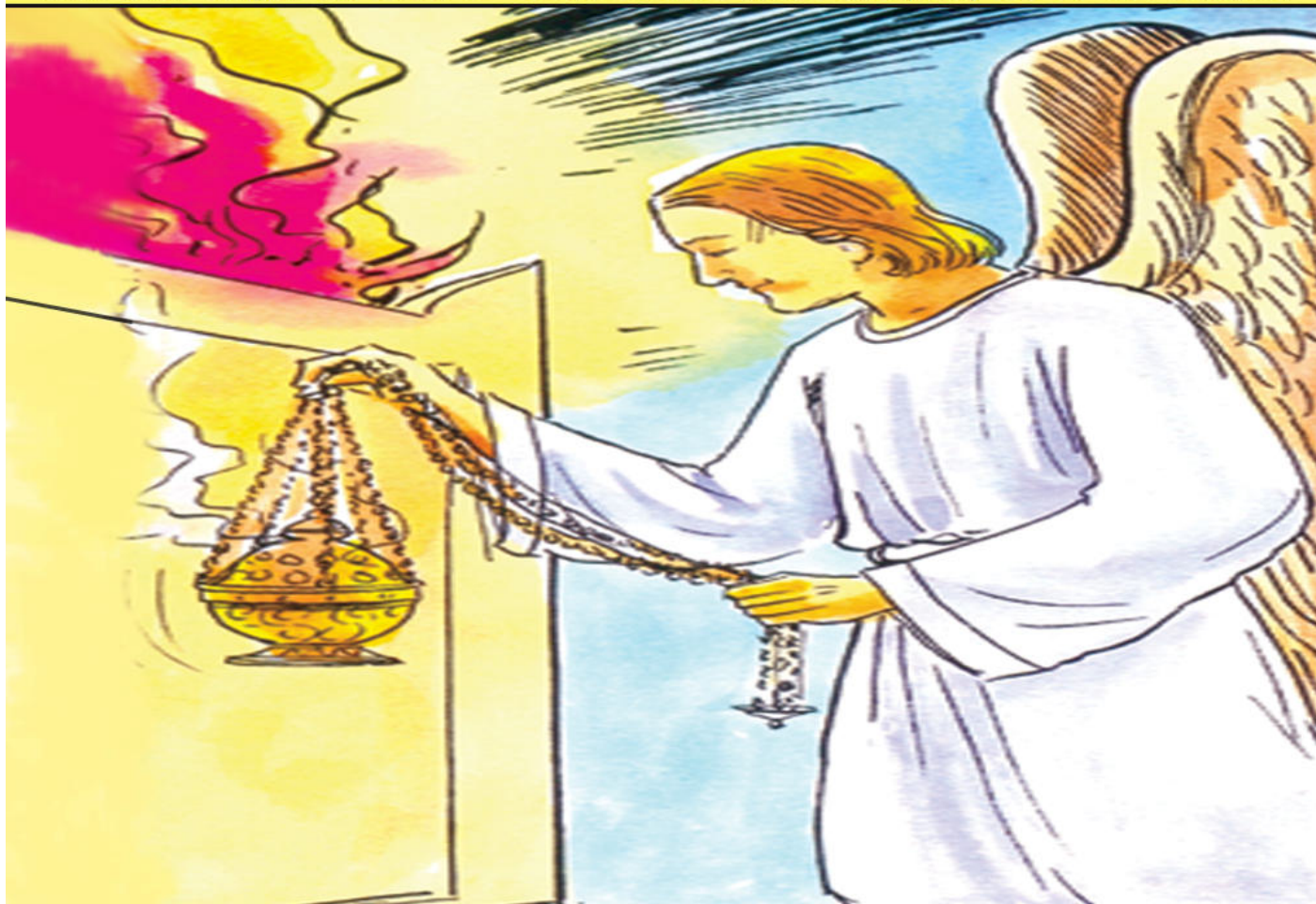
They will live in
God's sanctuary.
The lamb will lead
them to the springs
of living water and
God will wipe away
their tears.



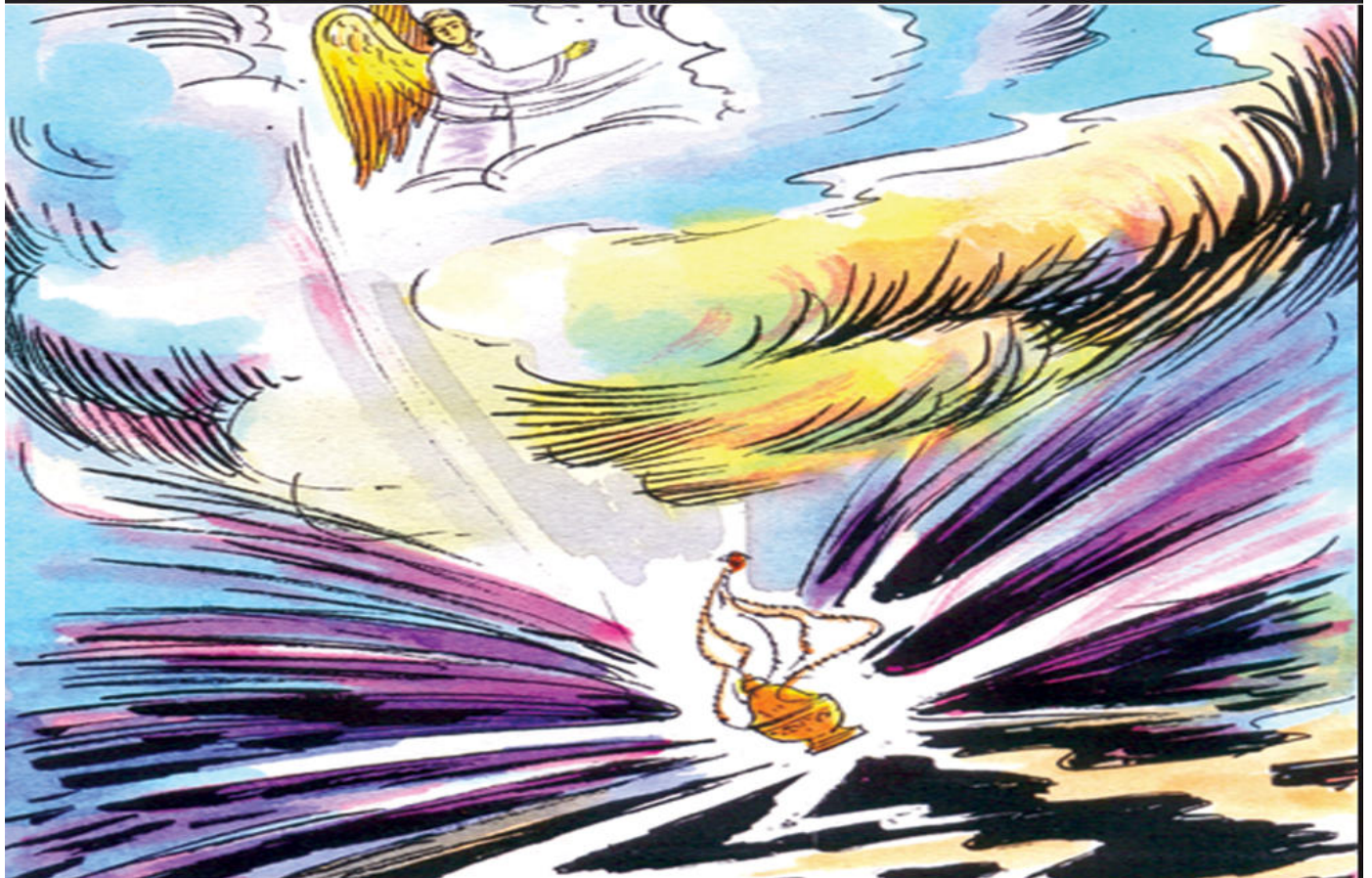
When the 7th seal was broken.



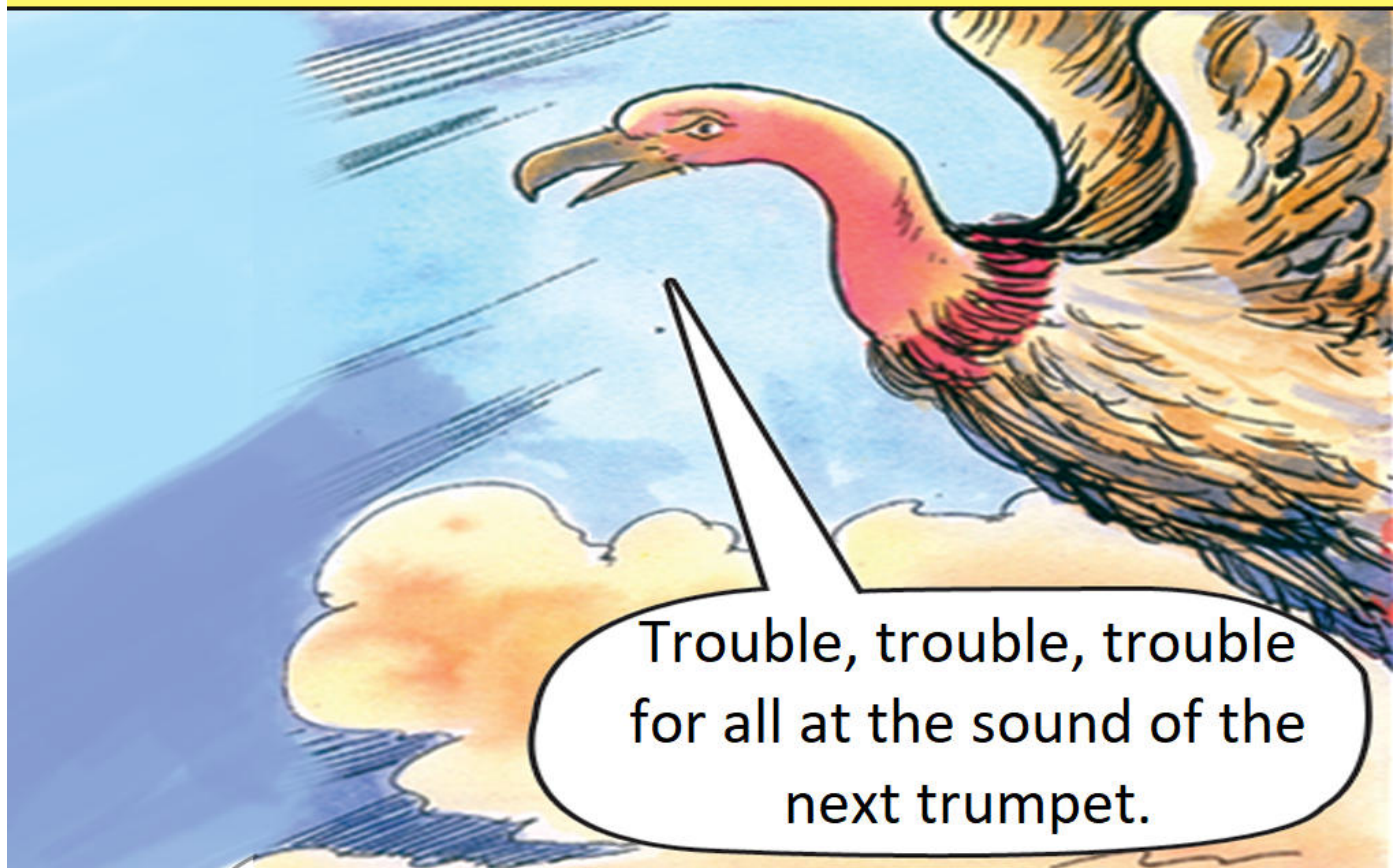
Another angel offered to God incense with the prayers of the saints.



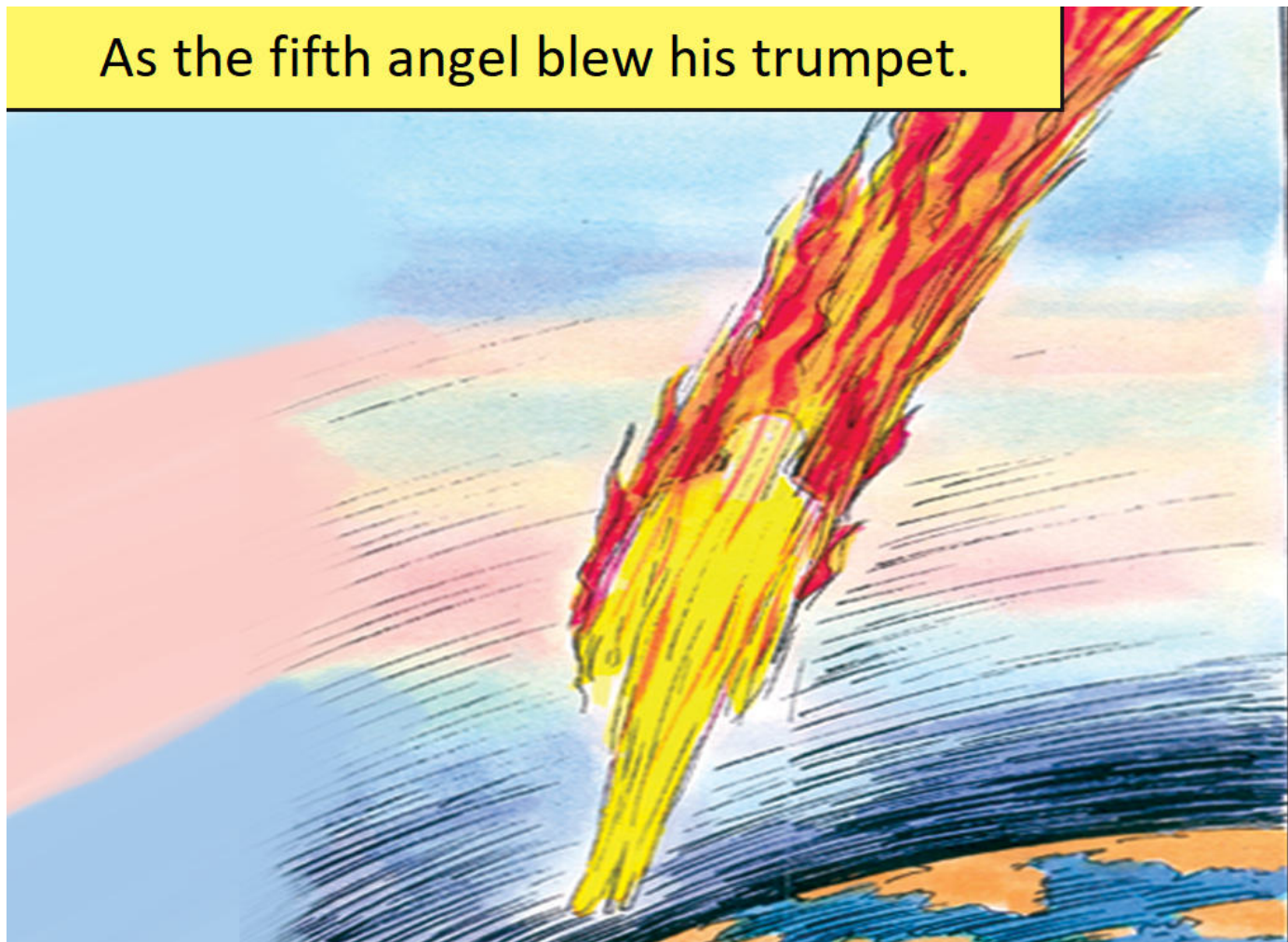
The angel filled the censer with fire from the altar and threw it down on the earth.



Seven angels with trumpets appeared. When 4 of them blew their trumpets, there were signs and great destructions on earth, sea, and sky.



As the fifth angel blew his trumpet.

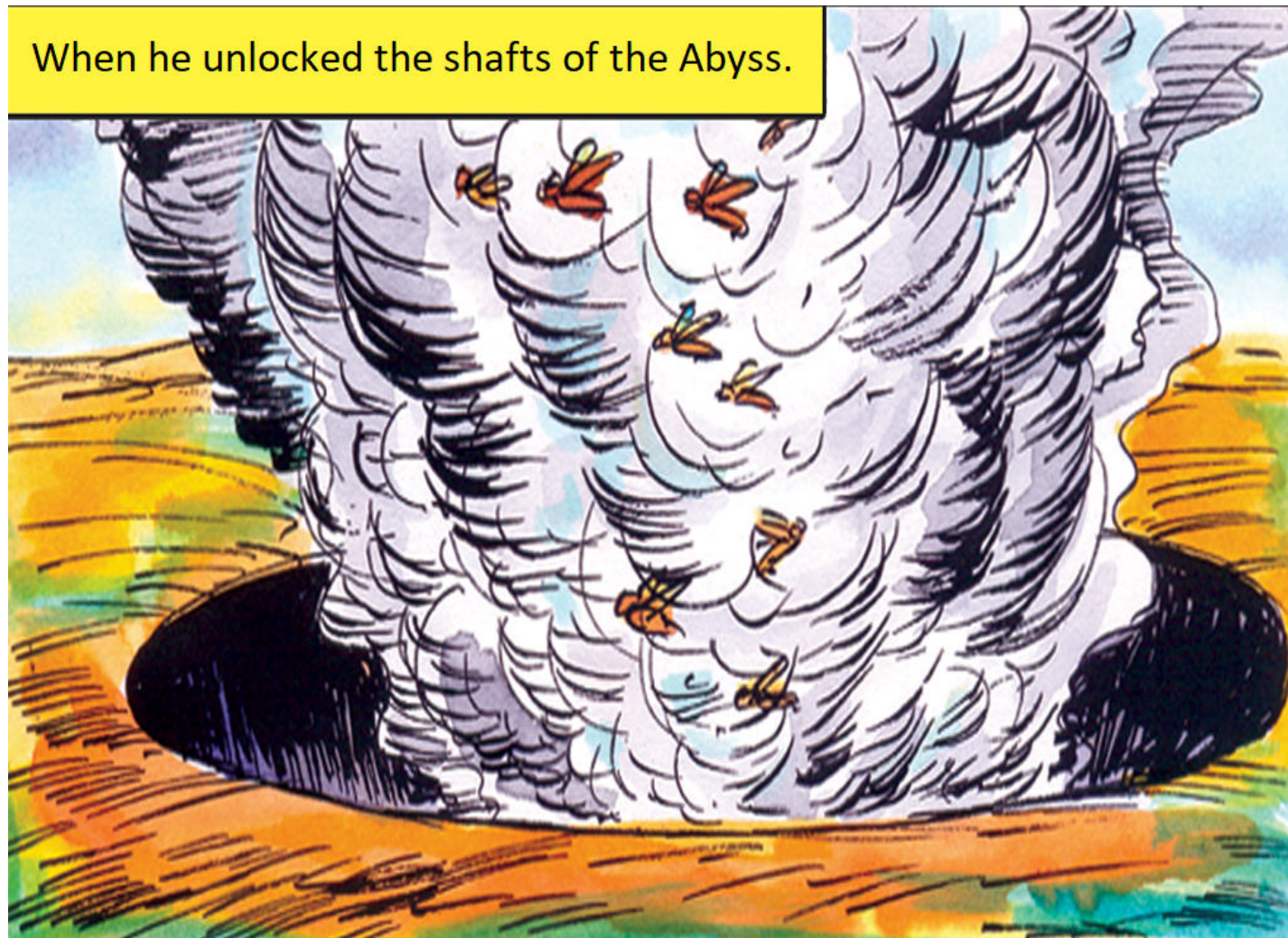


The key to the Abyss was given to the one who fell from the sky.





When he unlocked the shafts of the Abyss.



The locusts that came up from the Abyss.



The emperor of the Abyss was Abaddon which meant “destruction”.

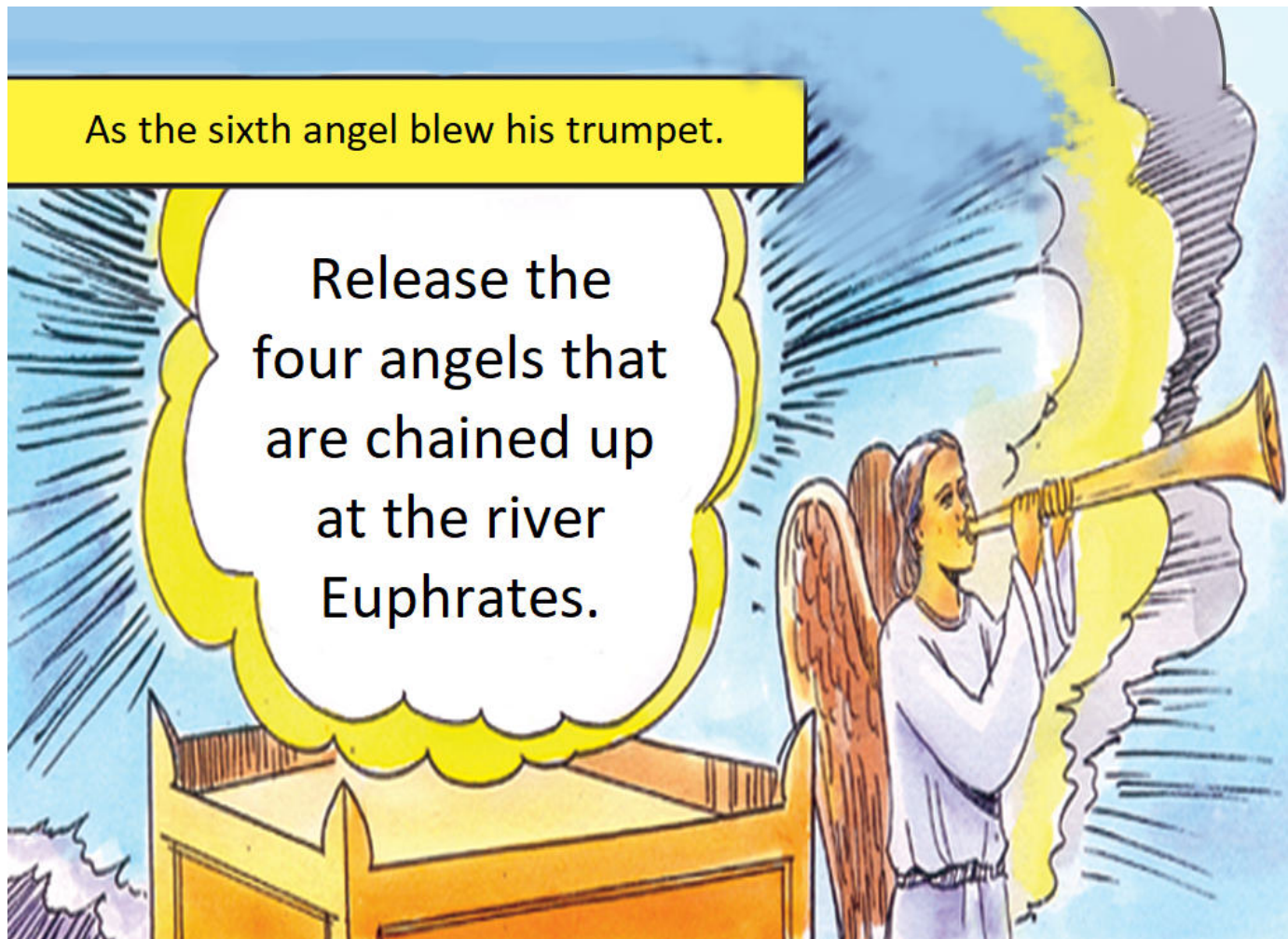


Those who were without God's seal were hurt by the locusts for three months.

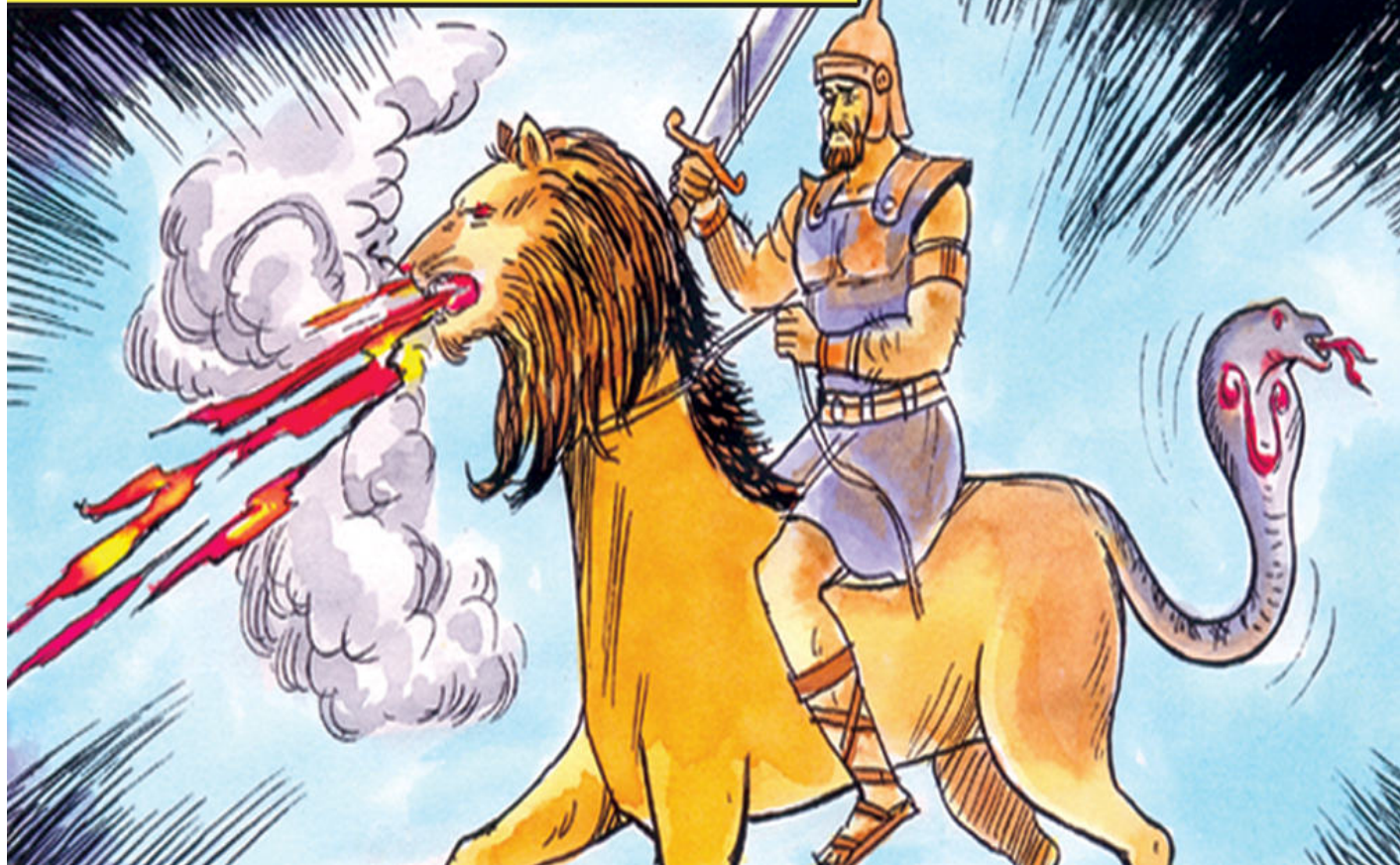


As the sixth angel blew his trumpet.

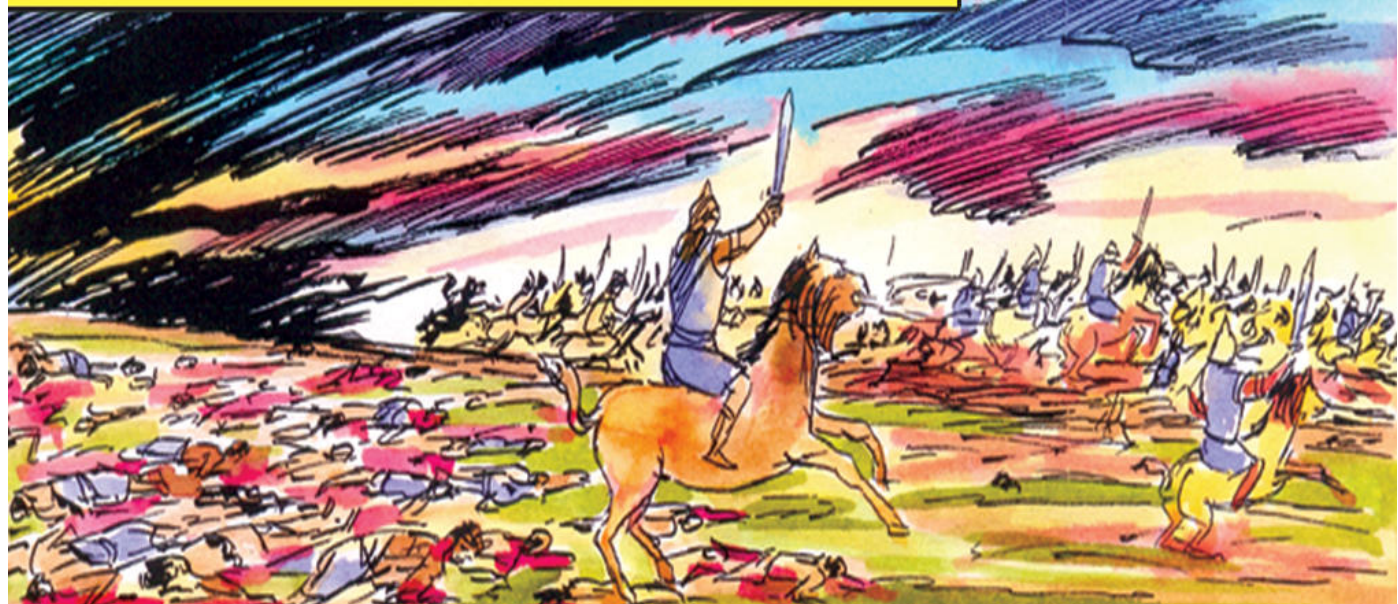
Release the
four angels that
are chained up
at the river
Euphrates.



A formidable cavalry appeared.

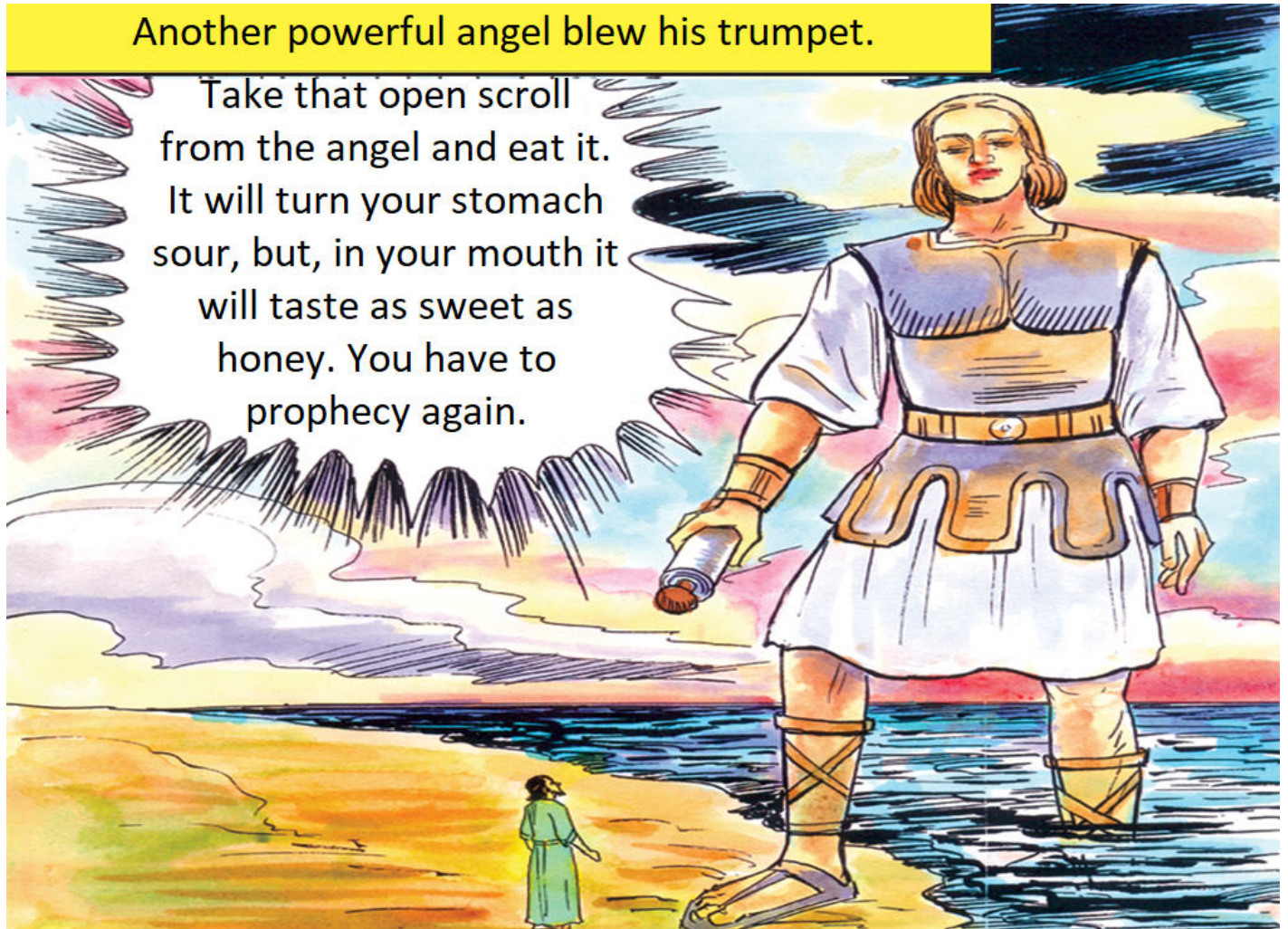


Four hundred million mounted men
destroyed a third of the human race.



Another powerful angel blew his trumpet.

Take that open scroll
from the angel and eat it.
It will turn your stomach
sour, but, in your mouth it
will taste as sweet as
honey. You have to
prophecy again.

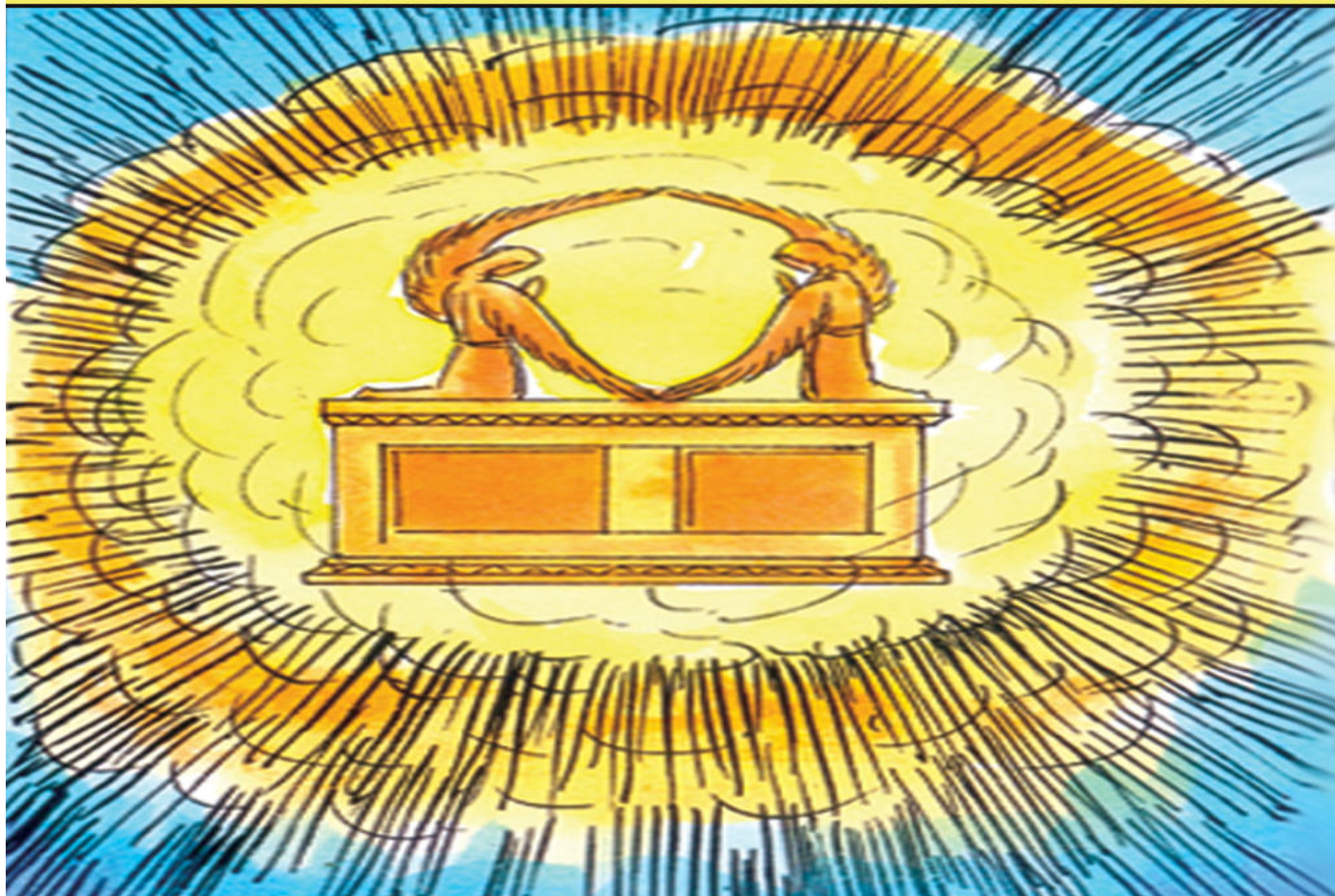


When the 7th angel blew his trumpet.

Lord God, King of the Universe, we
praise you. It is time to punish
those who persecute your people.



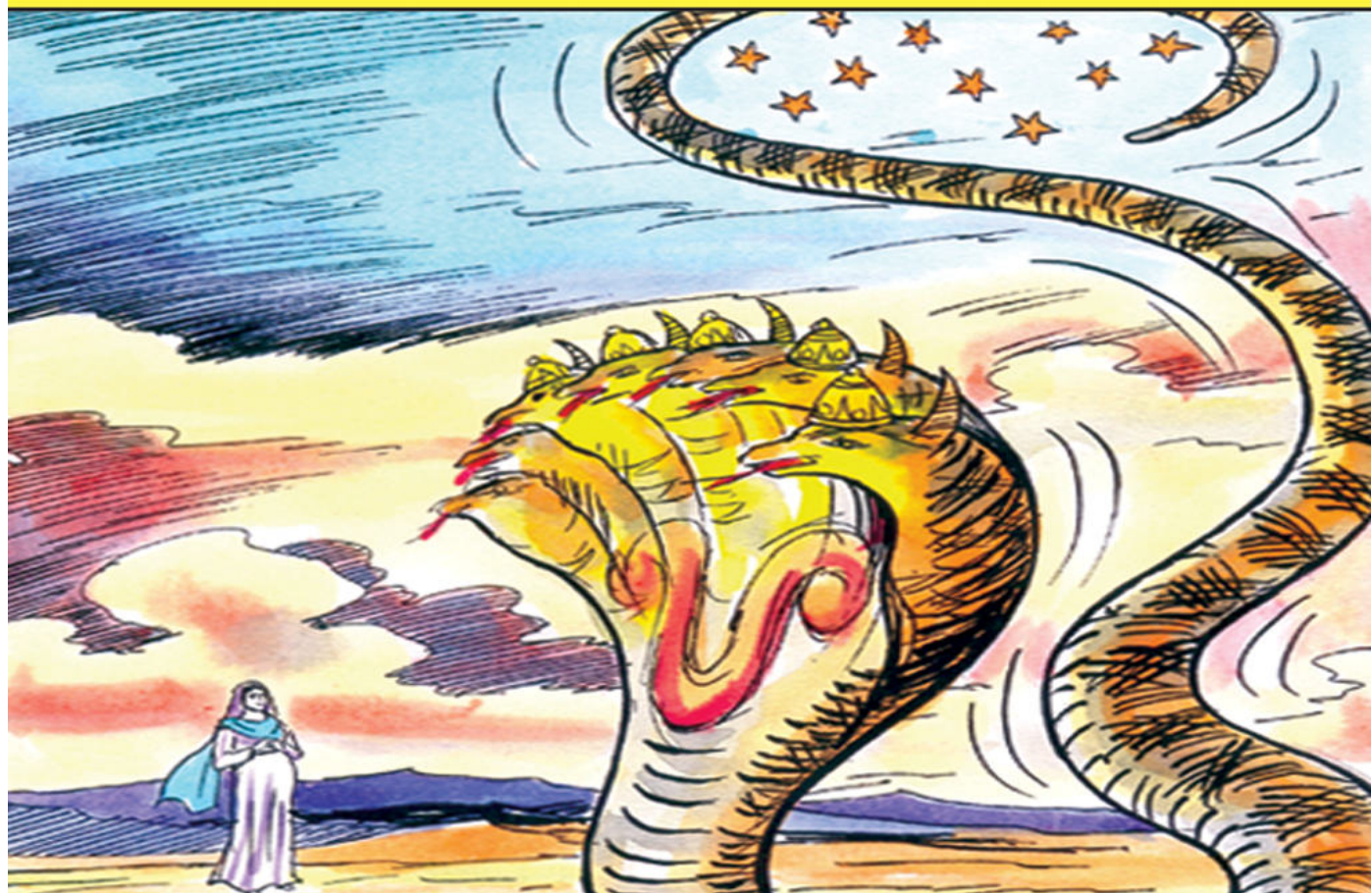
The Ark of the Covenant appeared in heaven.



Another vision that symbolized
the people of God.



A huge red dragon waited to eat the child she delivers.



The woman delivered a boy and the child was taken to God. The woman fled to the desert.



A war broke out in heaven. Michael with his angles fought against the dragon.



Defeated and hurled down to the earth, the dragon in pursuit of the woman.

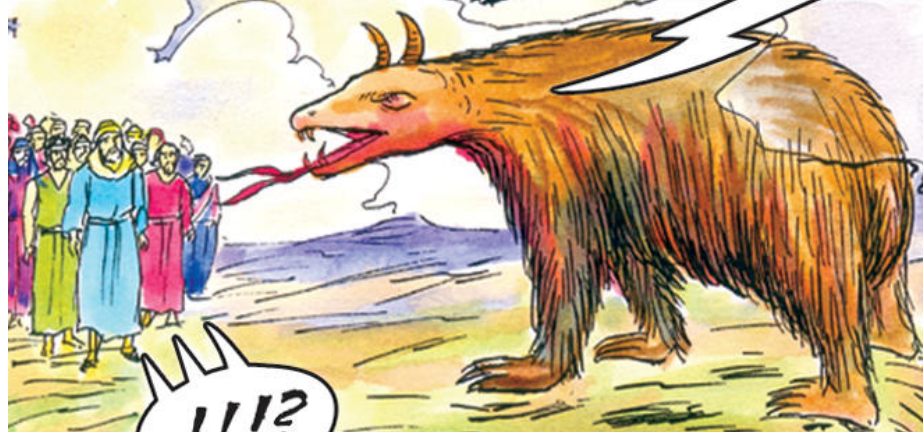


Enraged because he couldn't get her, he persecuted her children.
Then a beast emerged from the sea.

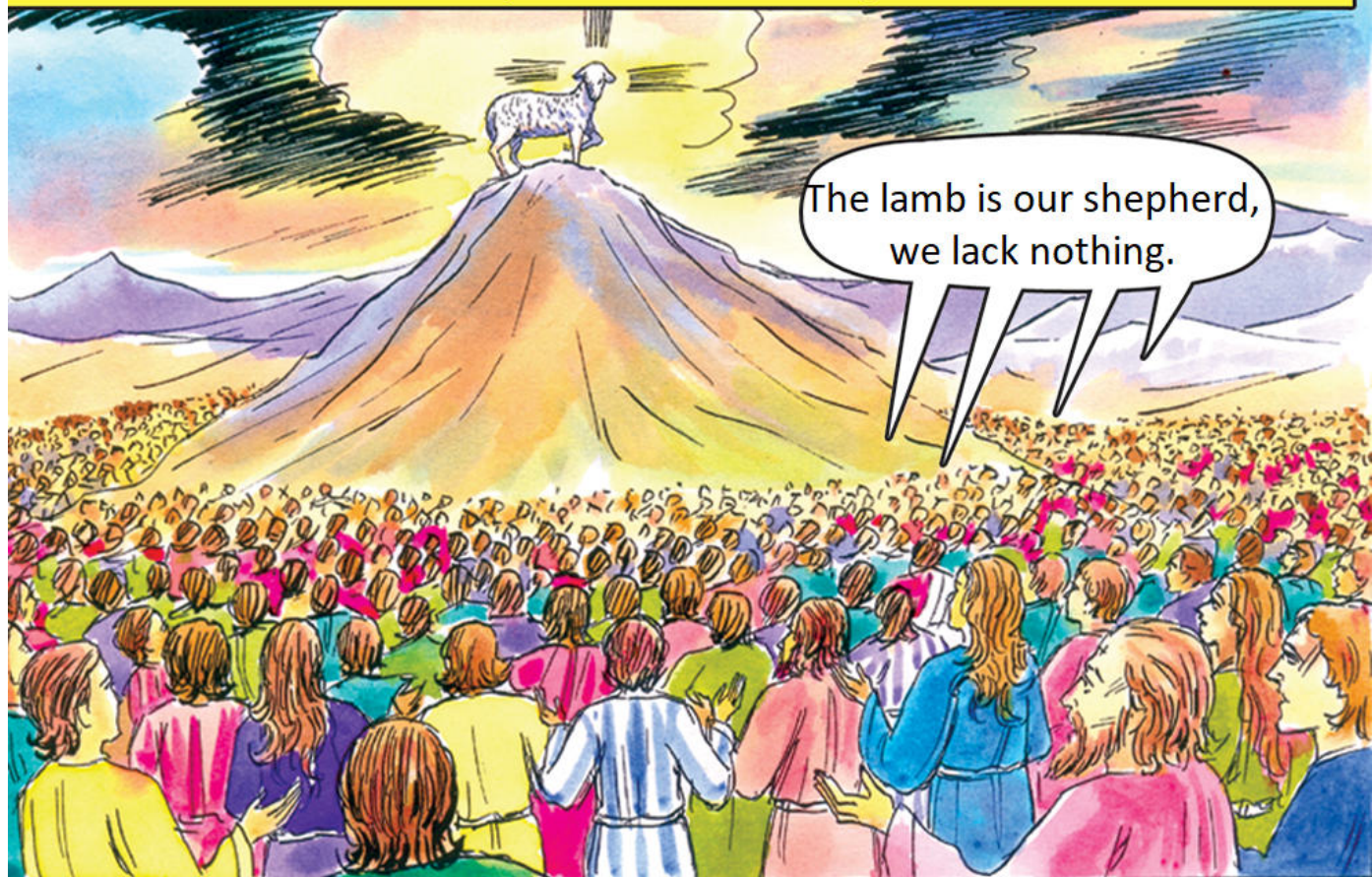


A second beast emerged from the ground and it compelled everyone to worship the first one.

Everybody must worship the statue of the beast. Those who do not bear the mark of the beast are not allowed to do any business.



A lamb stood on Mount Zion with 144000 people who were killed because they refused to worship the statue.



Then an angel appeared in heaven.



Babylon the great has fallen. Those who worship the beast or wear his seal will face the wrath of God.

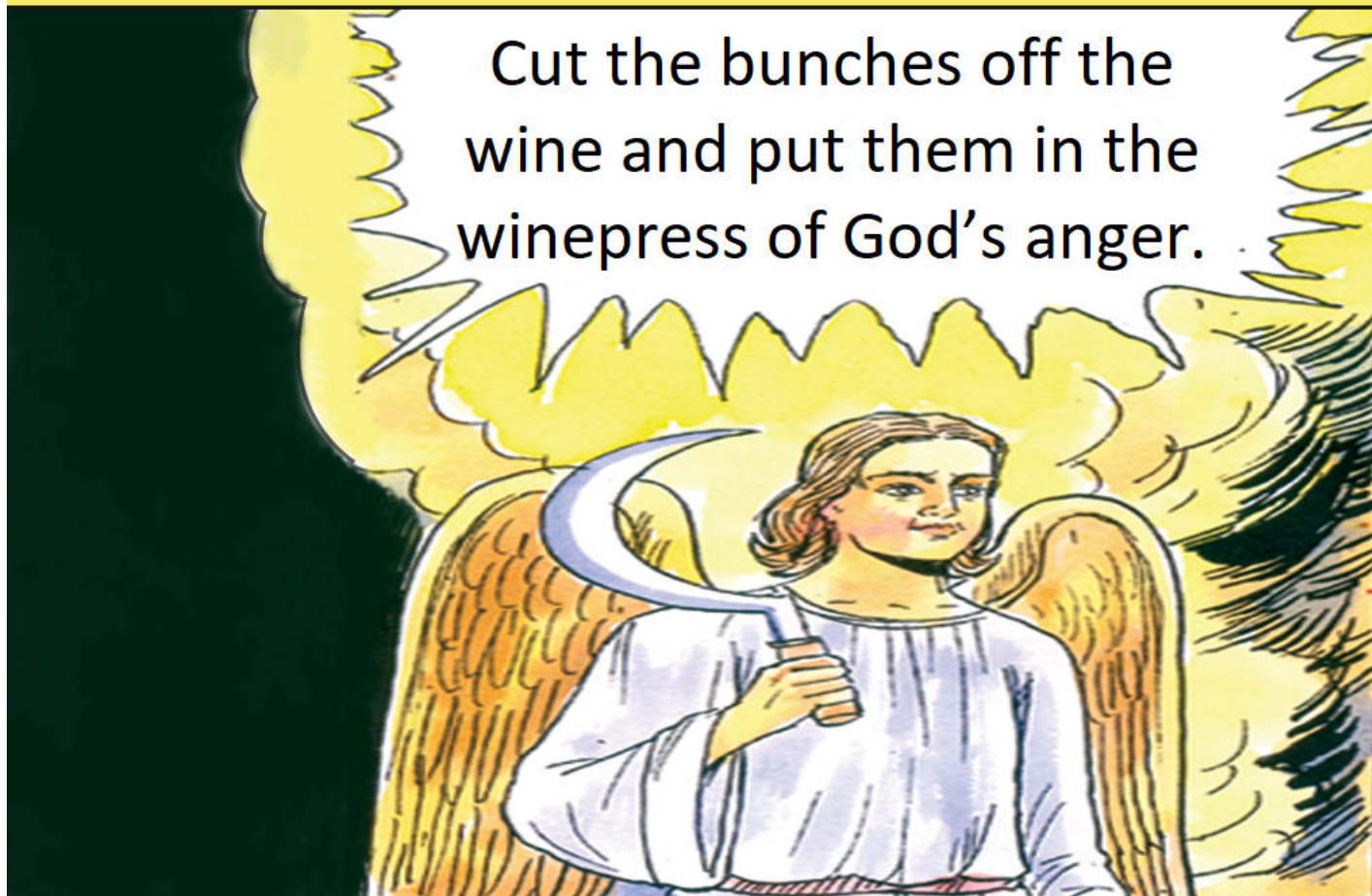
One like a Son of Man, sitting on a cloud appeared in the sky.

**THE HARVEST OF THE
EARTH IS RIPE. REAP AND
FILL THE BARN.**



Another angel with a sharp sickle appeared.

Cut the bunches off the
wine and put them in the
winepress of God's anger.

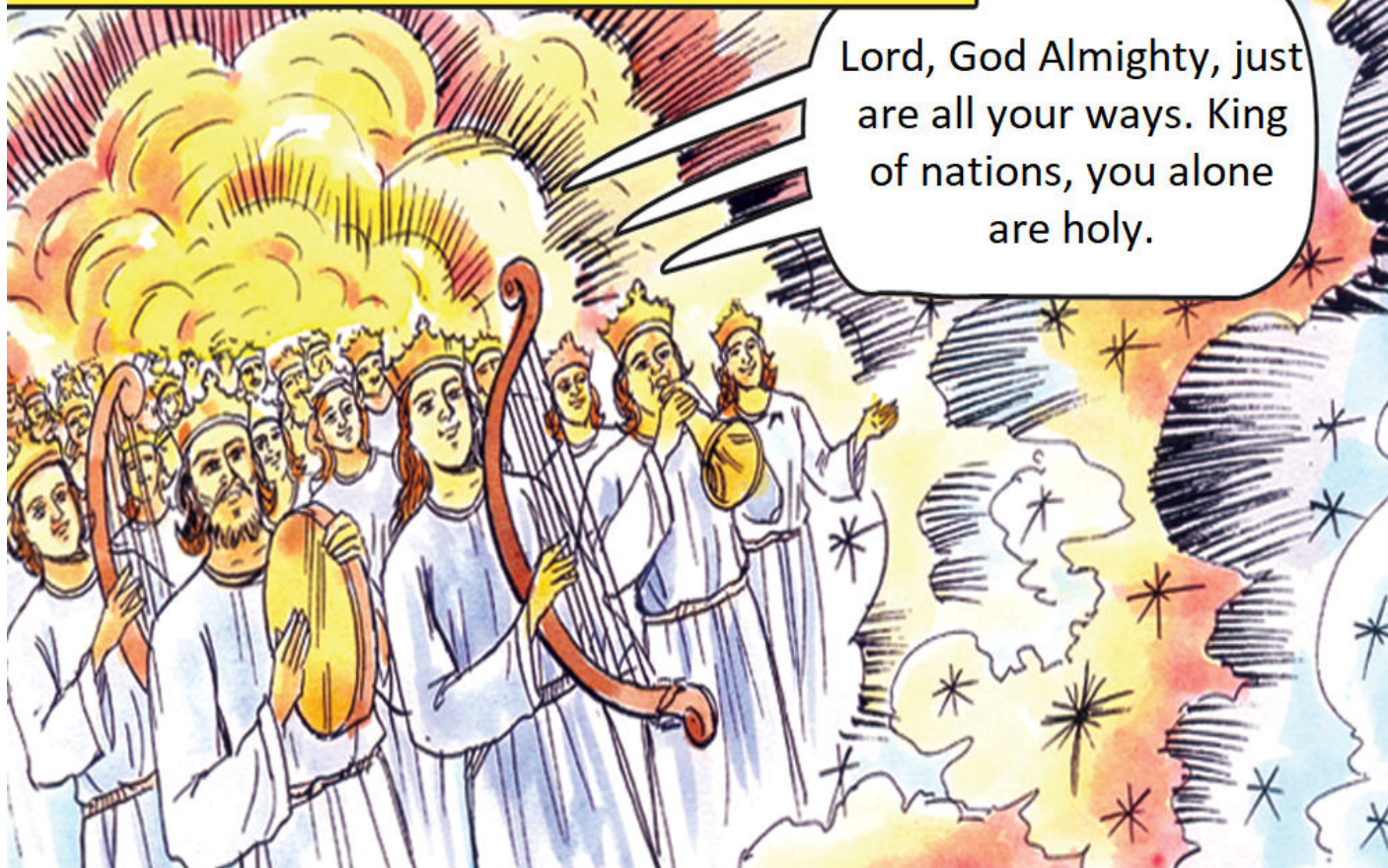


The blood of the wicked came out of the winepress.



Those who had fought against the beast
and won sang.

Lord, God Almighty, just
are all your ways. King
of nations, you alone
are holy.



The sanctuary in heaven was opened.

Go and empty these bowls of
God's anger over the earth.
This is the last plague.



When the first angel emptied his bowl, disgusting and painful sores appeared on all those who bore the mark of the beast.



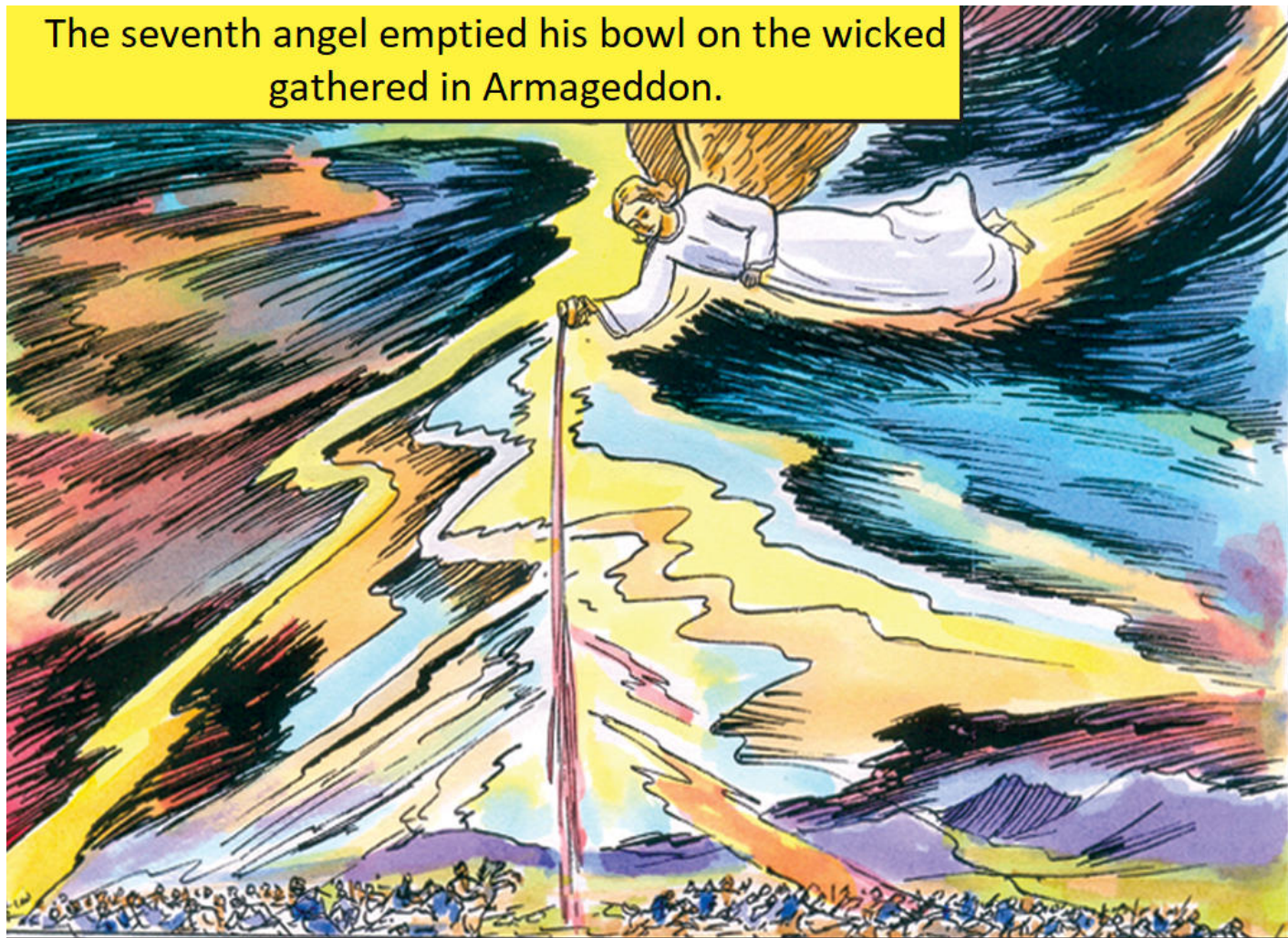
When the other angels emptied their bowls, living creatures in the sea died, rivers turned into blood, people burned in fire, the beast empire was plunged into darkness, and evil spirits, like frogs, appeared.

All those who worship the
almighty beast, gather in
Armageddon for the decisive
battle.

Kings and armies come!
Put an end to the rule of
God.



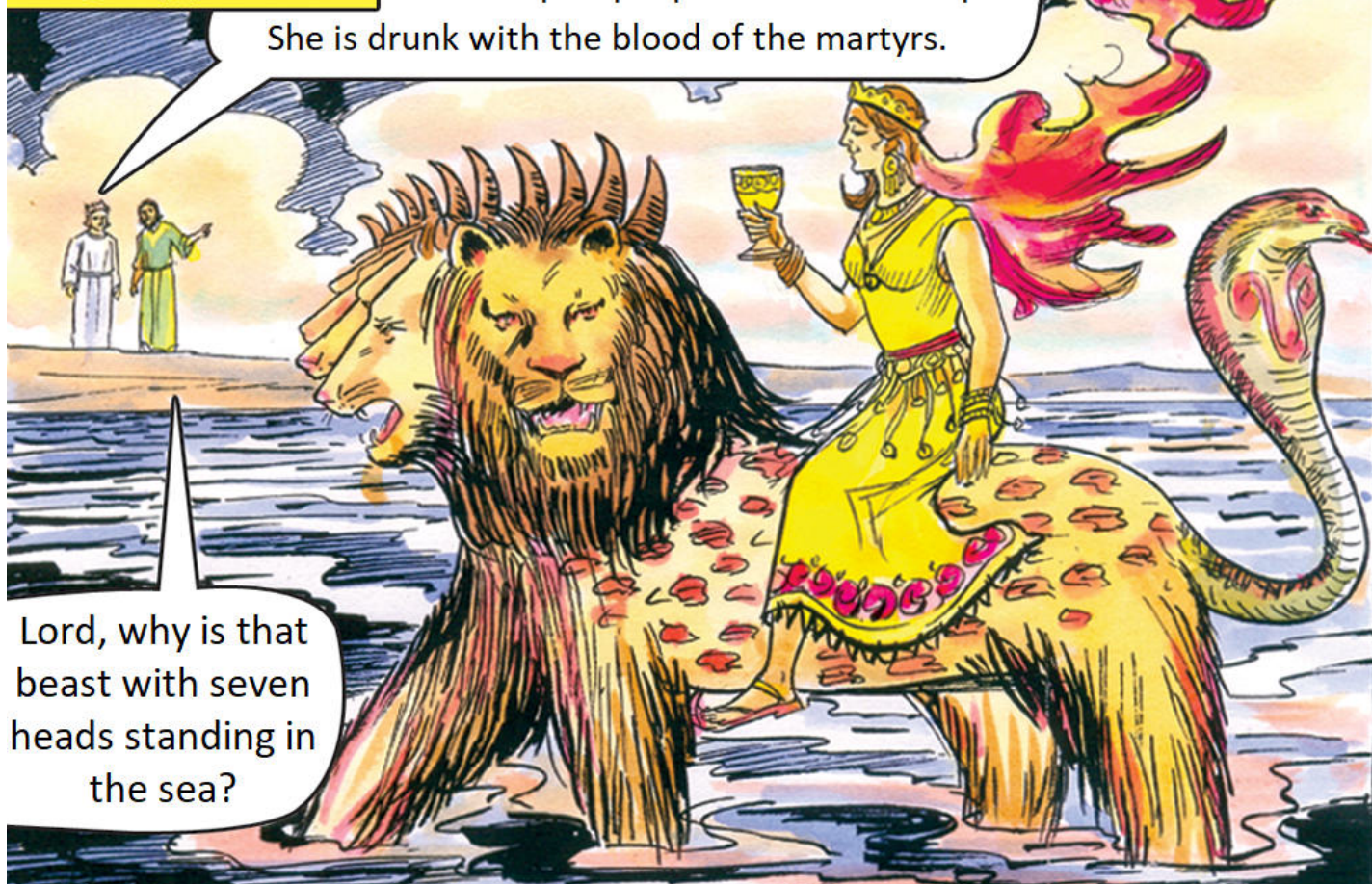
The seventh angel emptied his bowl on the wicked gathered in Armageddon.



Then another
sign appeared.

Look, the famous prostitute, Babylon,
who compels people for idol worship.

She is drunk with the blood of the martyrs.



Lord, why is that
beast with seven
heads standing in
the sea?

The sea you see is the nations of the world.
The city that rules the whole world stands on
those seven hills.

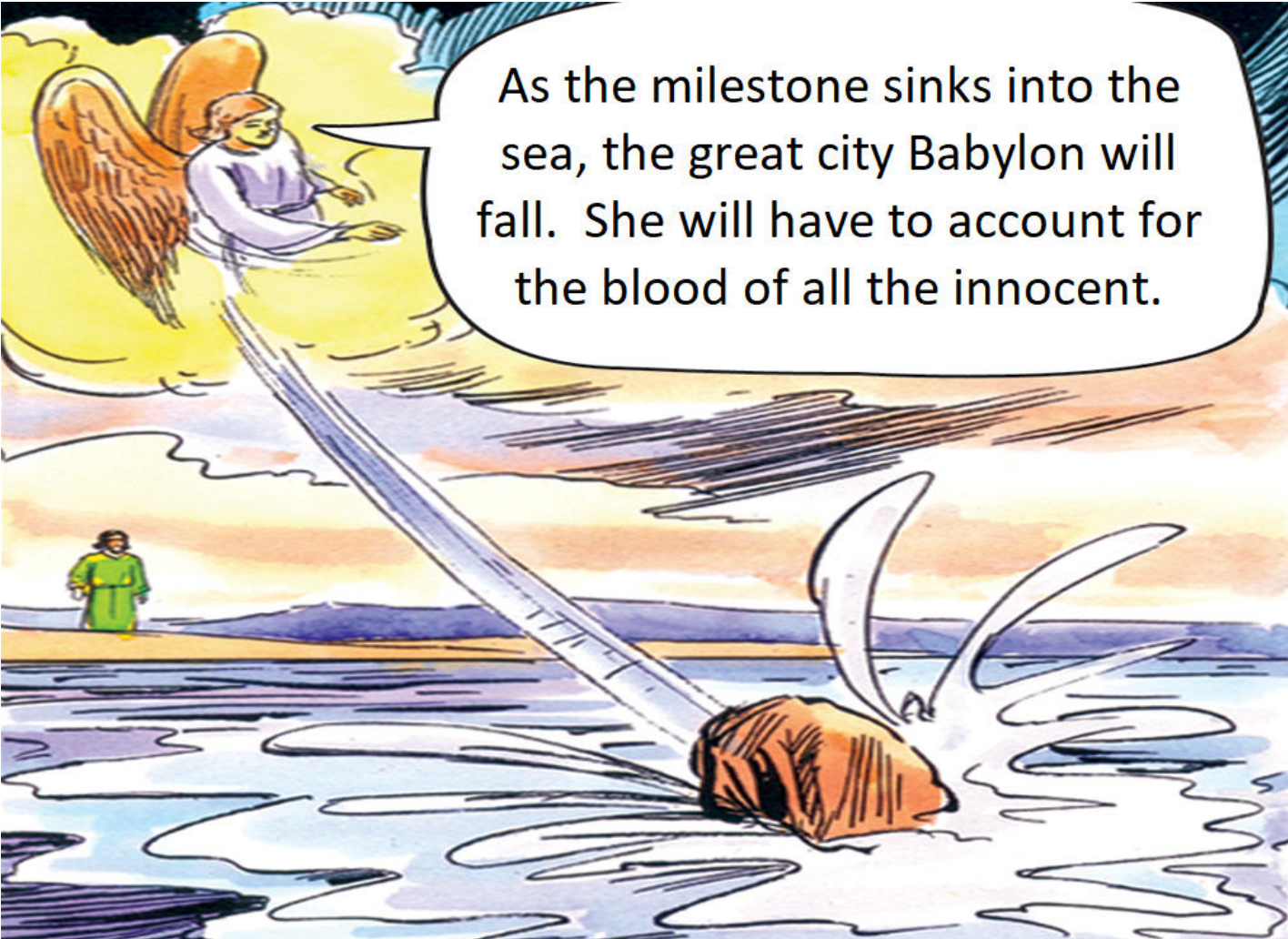
Rome.



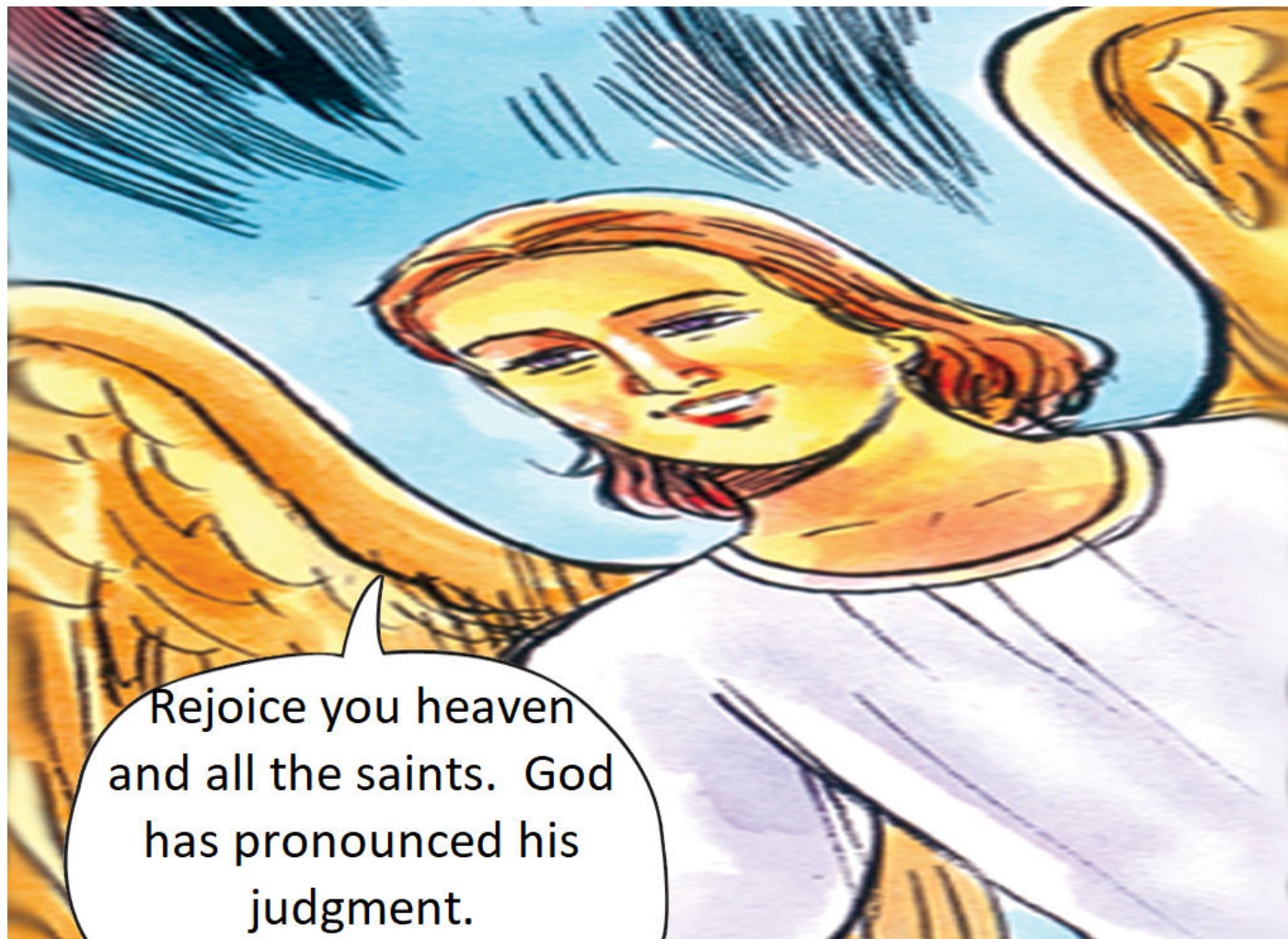
When the beast is defeated by the lamb, he will turn against the woman, sitting upon him.







As the milestone sinks into the sea, the great city Babylon will fall. She will have to account for the blood of all the innocent.

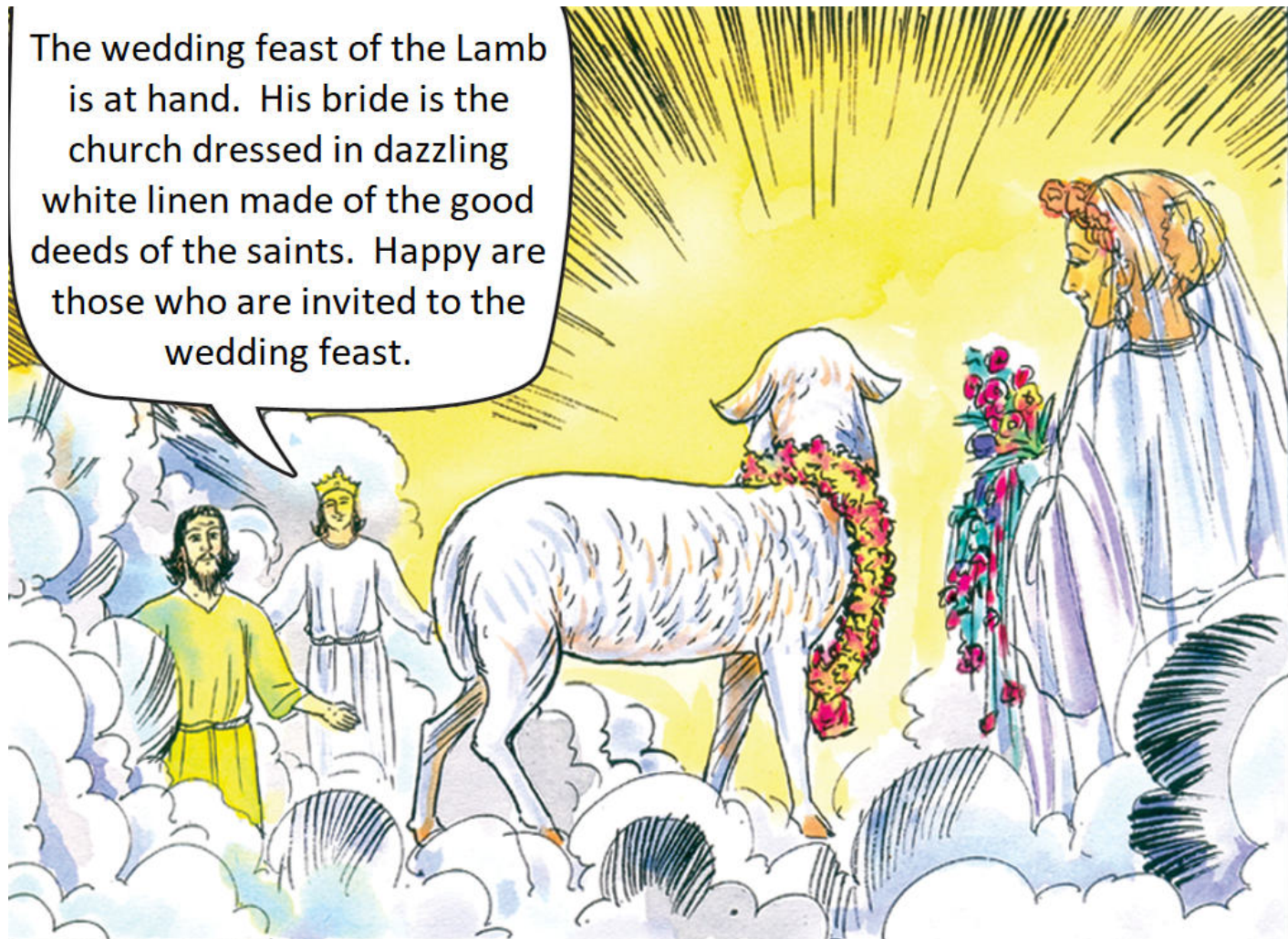


Isn't this Rome who
had the entire world
under her domain?
How soon it all ended!

Now who will
buy our luxury
goods?



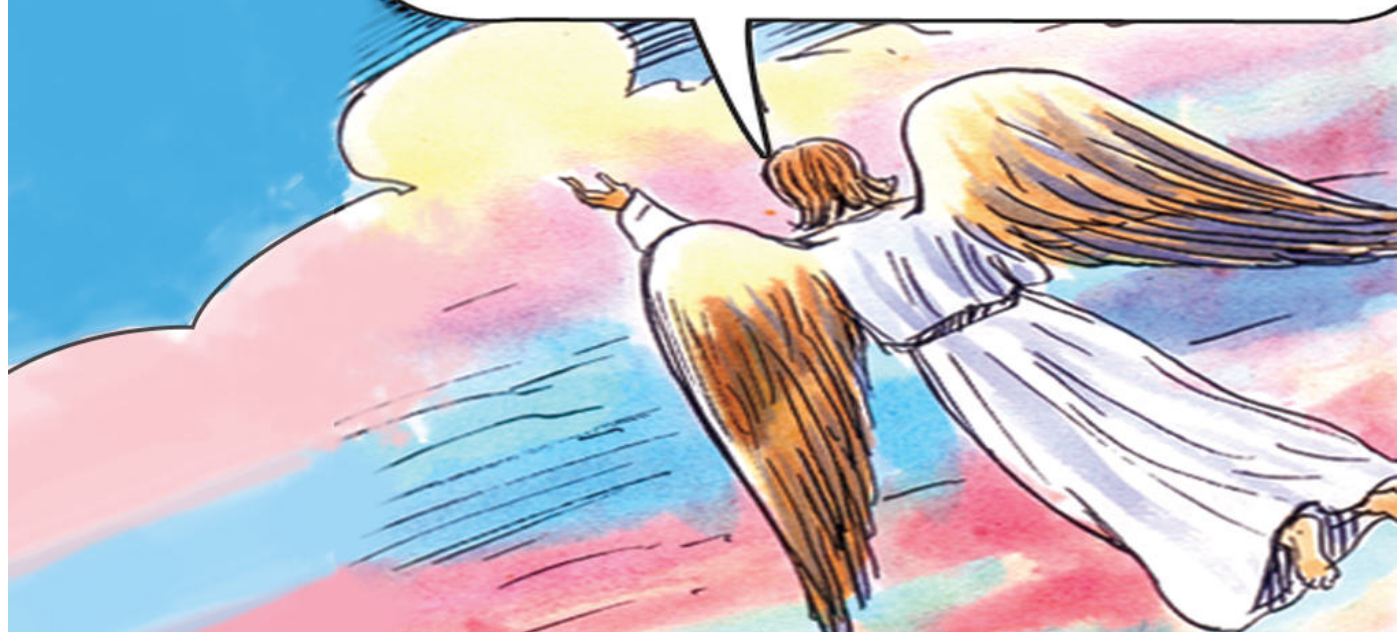
The wedding feast of the Lamb is at hand. His bride is the church dressed in dazzling white linen made of the good deeds of the saints. Happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast.



Another vision
followed.

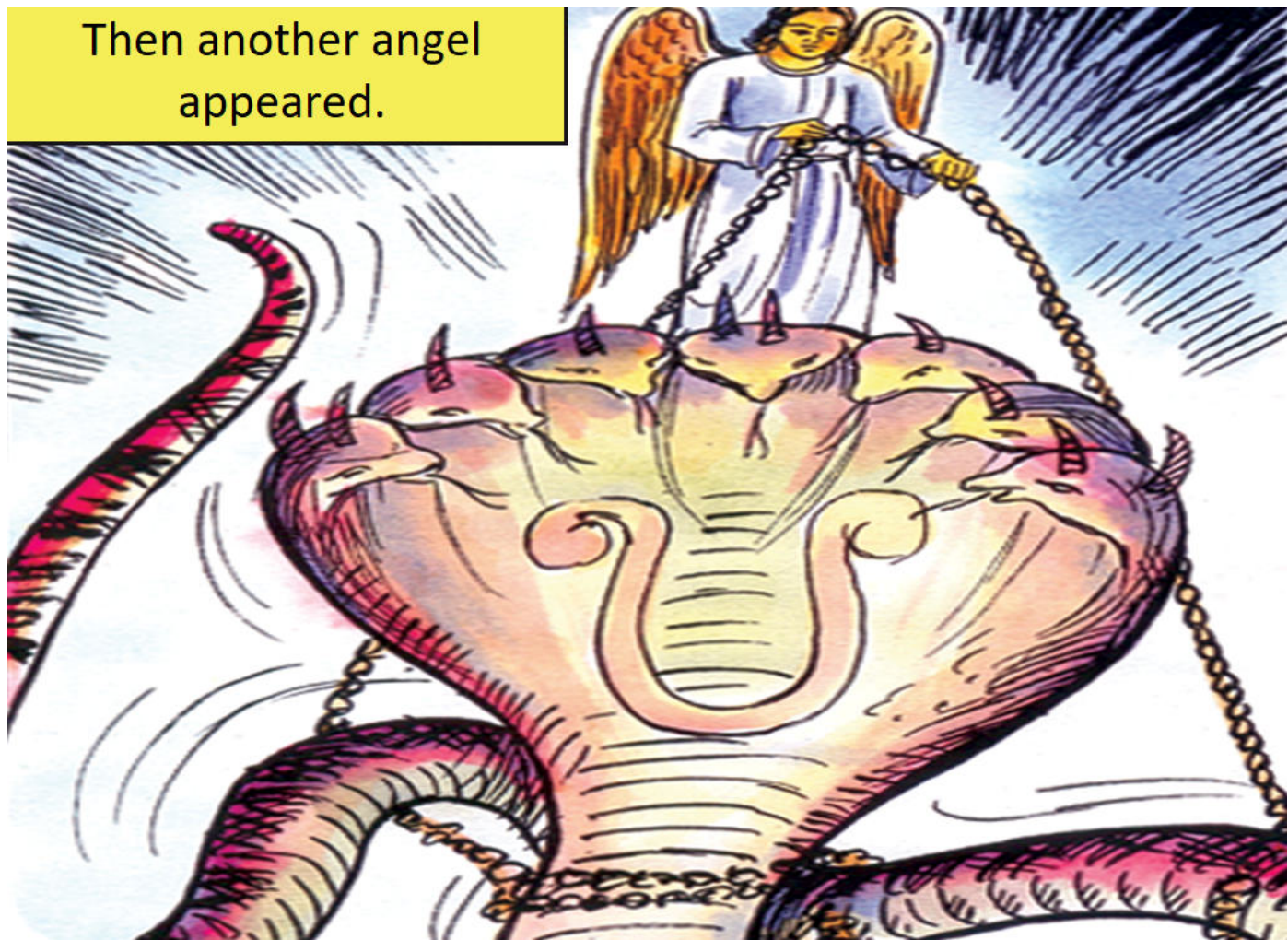


People of the nations, birds of the
air, beasts of the forests, come for
the banquet prepared by the Lord.
Eat the flesh of the wicked beast.





Then another angel appeared.



Satan, the primeval serpent,
you shall remain in the Abyss
for a thousand years, until it is
time to destroy you.



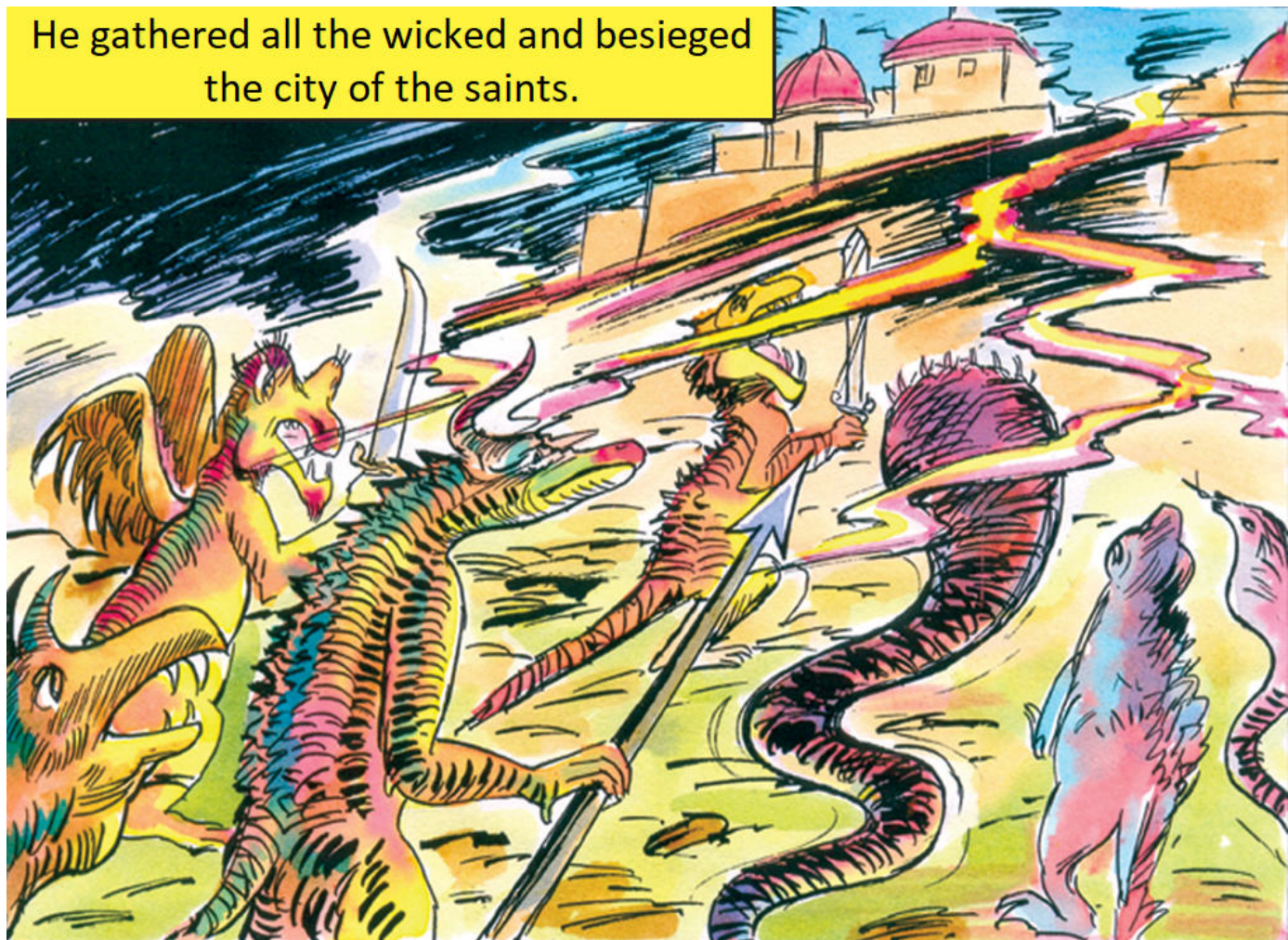
All who were killed in the name of Jesus received life and lived with him for a thousand years.



When the thousand years were over, Satan was released.



He gathered all the wicked and besieged
the city of the saints.



Fire came down from heaven and burned them all. Satan was thrown into the lake of fire.

Satan, you and your servants shall burn forever. Your torture shall never end.



After that.

Everything is renewed.
This is the new heaven
and the new earth God
created.



In the new city, God lives
among his people. There
will be no more death,
mourning or sadness.



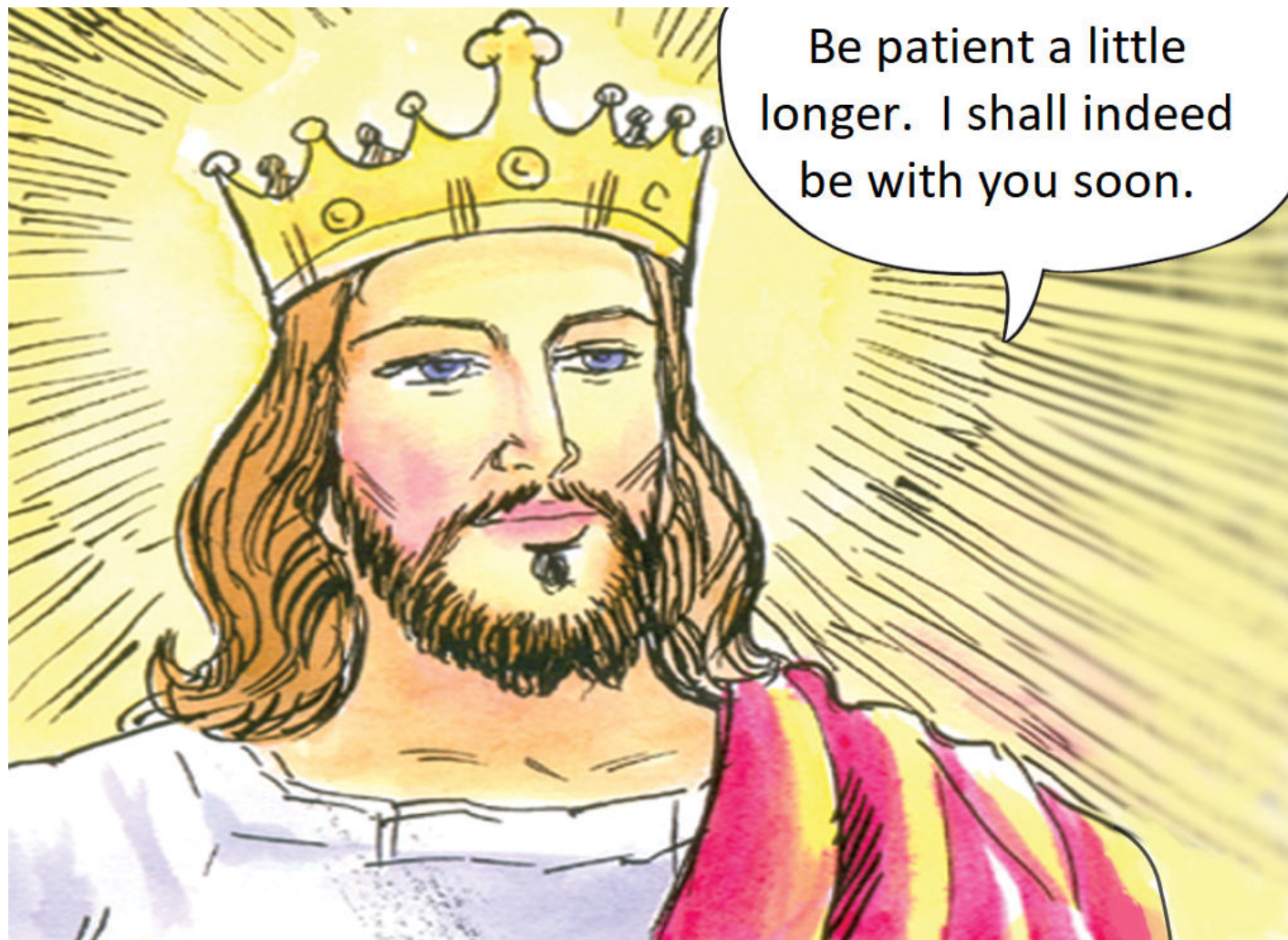
He will wipe away all
tears from their eyes.

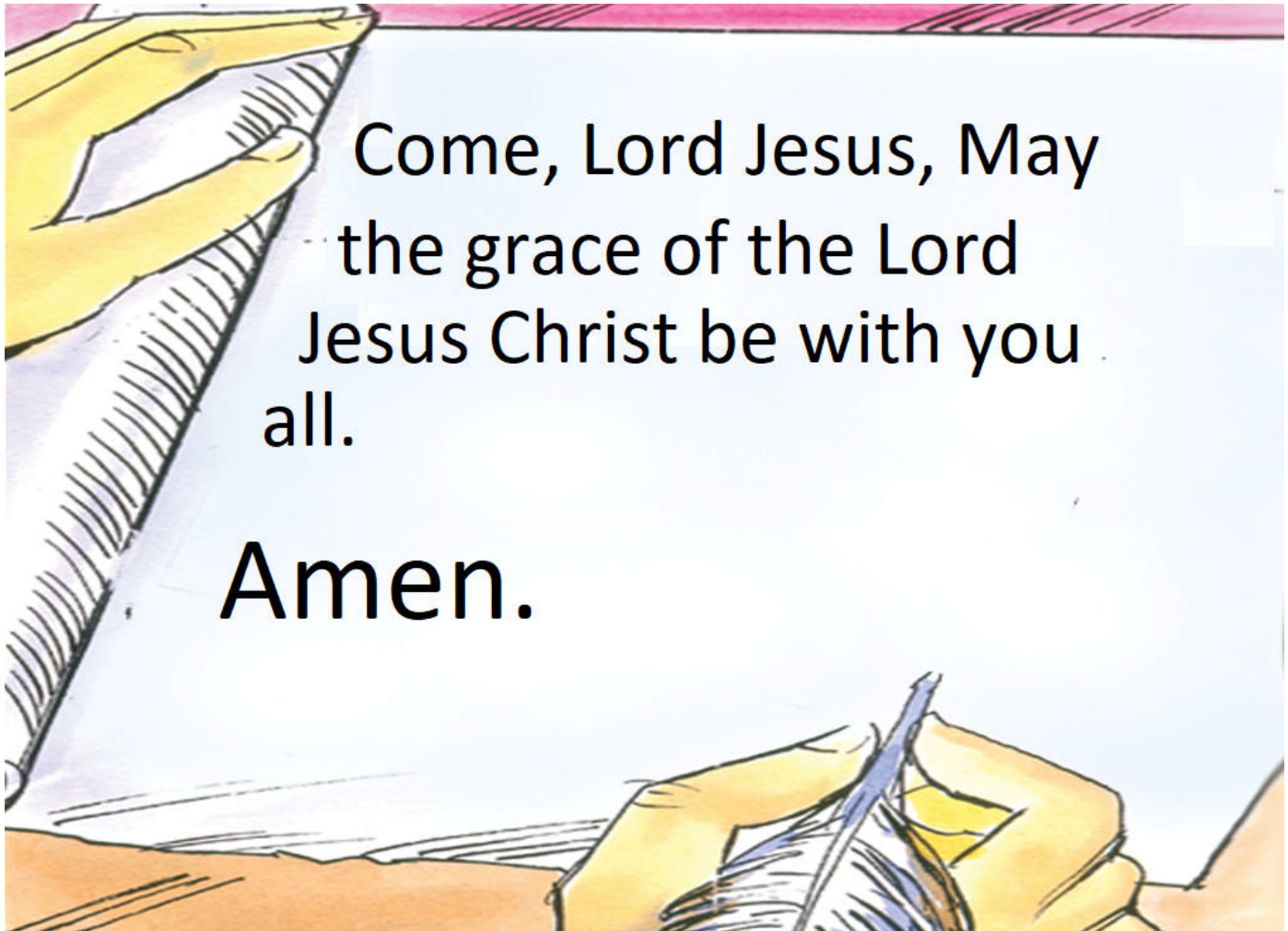
Inside the city.

This is heaven. Jesus Christ is its life and light. The Tree of Life and source of the Living Water are here for all.

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An illustration showing two hands holding an open book. The left hand is at the top left, and the right hand is at the bottom right. The book is open, showing a light blue page with text. The background is a solid light blue color.

Come, Lord Jesus, May
the grace of the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you
all.

Amen.

Questions

1. Explain the circumstances under which the Book of Revelation was written.
2. Why did John write this book?
3. What do the symbols of sword, stars, and lamps in the vision of the “Son of Man” mean?
4. Name the seven Churches in the book of Revelation.
5. What does the opening of the sealed scroll signify?
6. What does the white garment represent?
7. Whom do the 144000 in chapter seven represent?
8. What do the horror pictures stand for?
9. Whom does the woman crowned with stars symbolize?
10. Who is depicted as Babylon, the great prostitute?

Memorize: **“Come, Lord Jesus!”** (Rev. 22,20)

THE ENTIRE BIBLE IN COMICS

1. Cain and Abel
2. Abraham
3. Jacob
4. Joseph
5. Moses
6. Joshua
7. Samson
8. Ruth
9. Samuel
10. Saul
11. David
12. King David
13. Solomon
14. Elijah
15. Amos
16. Hosea
17. Micah

18. Isaiah
19. Jeremiah
20. Ezekiel
21. Zechariah
22. Jonah
23. Job
24. Tobit
25. Daniel
26. Susanna
27. Esther
28. Judith
29. Maccabeus
30. The Maccabees
31. A World Awaiting
32. Light of the world
33. The Herald
34. The Prophet
35. The Liberator

36. The One to come
37. The Lord of the Universe
38. Son of God
39. The Son of Man
40. In the shadow of the cross
41. The Way
42. Son of David
43. Bread of Life
44. The Redeemer
45. With us forever
46. Tongues of fire
47. Baptism in blood
48. The chosen vessel
49. Libation
50. Come, Lord Jesus
51. Woman