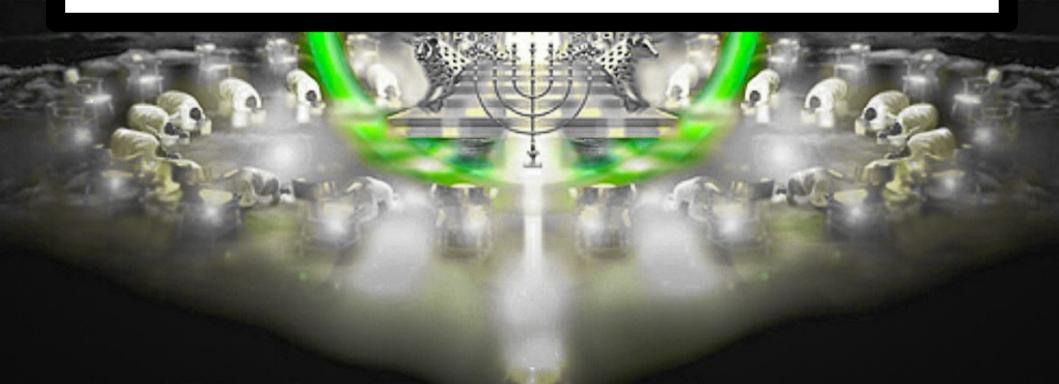


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Our theme for 2016: "Be transformed!"

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In view of God's mercy!

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Rom 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness

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Rom 2:1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

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Rom 3:9 What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.

Rom 3:10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one."

Previously

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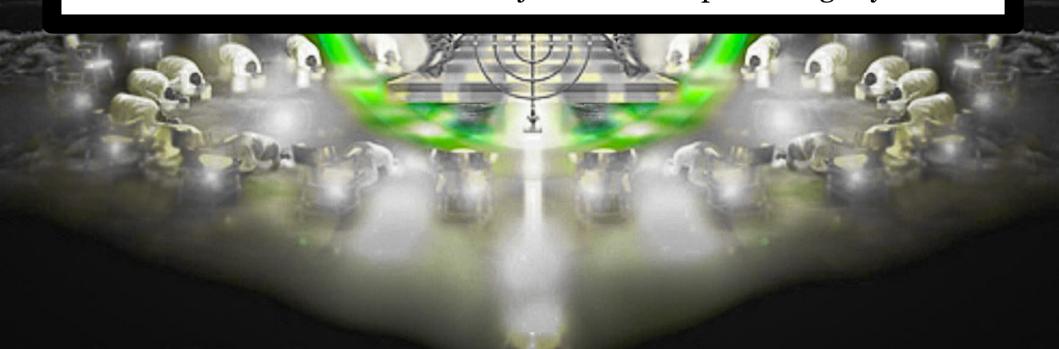
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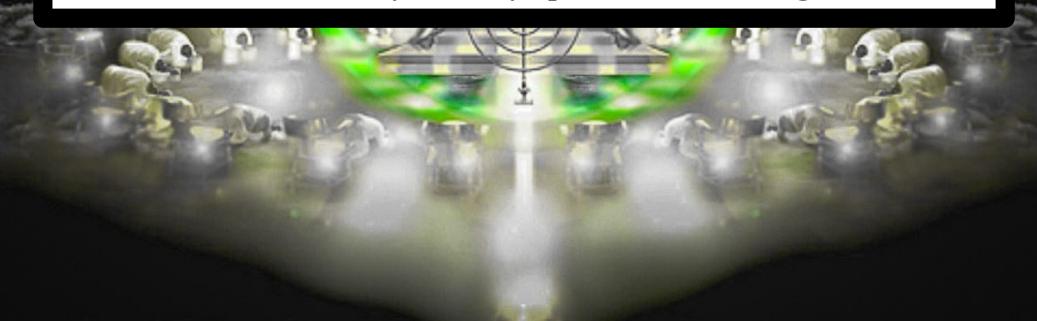
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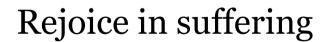


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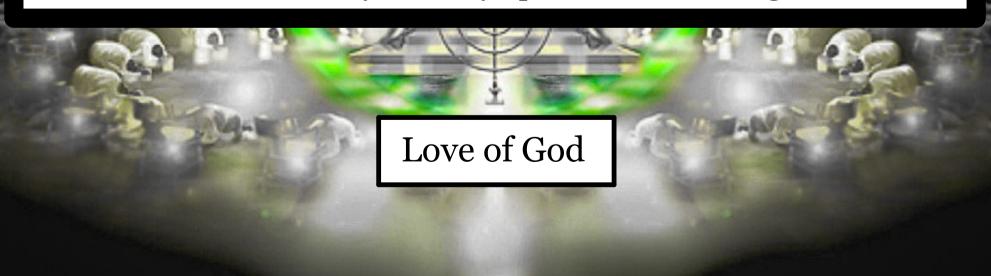
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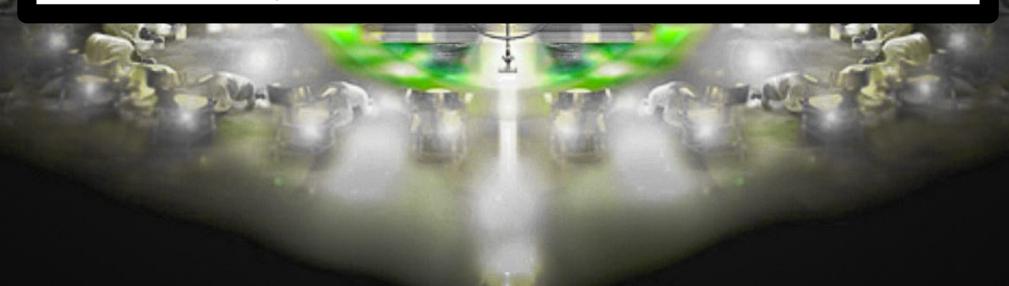


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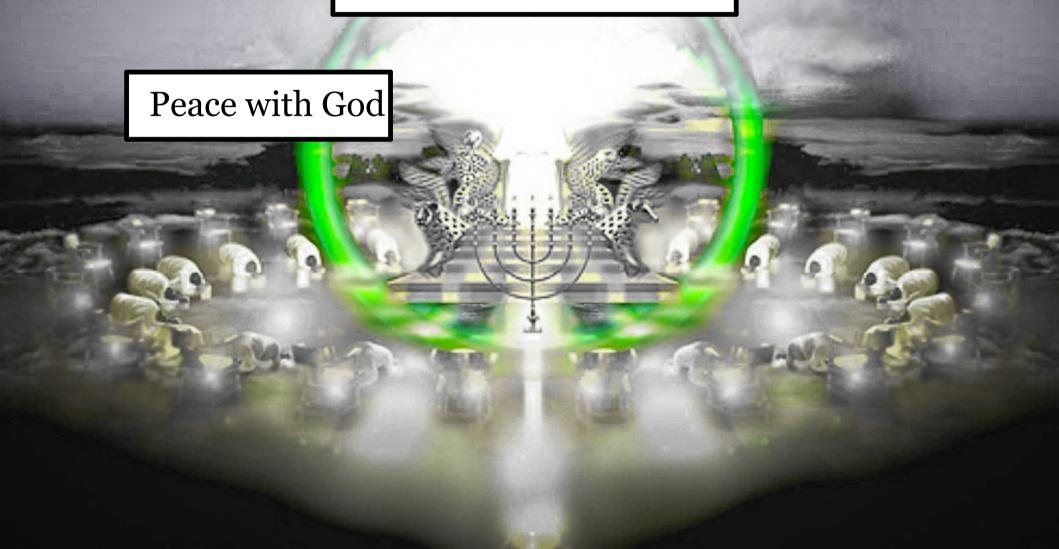
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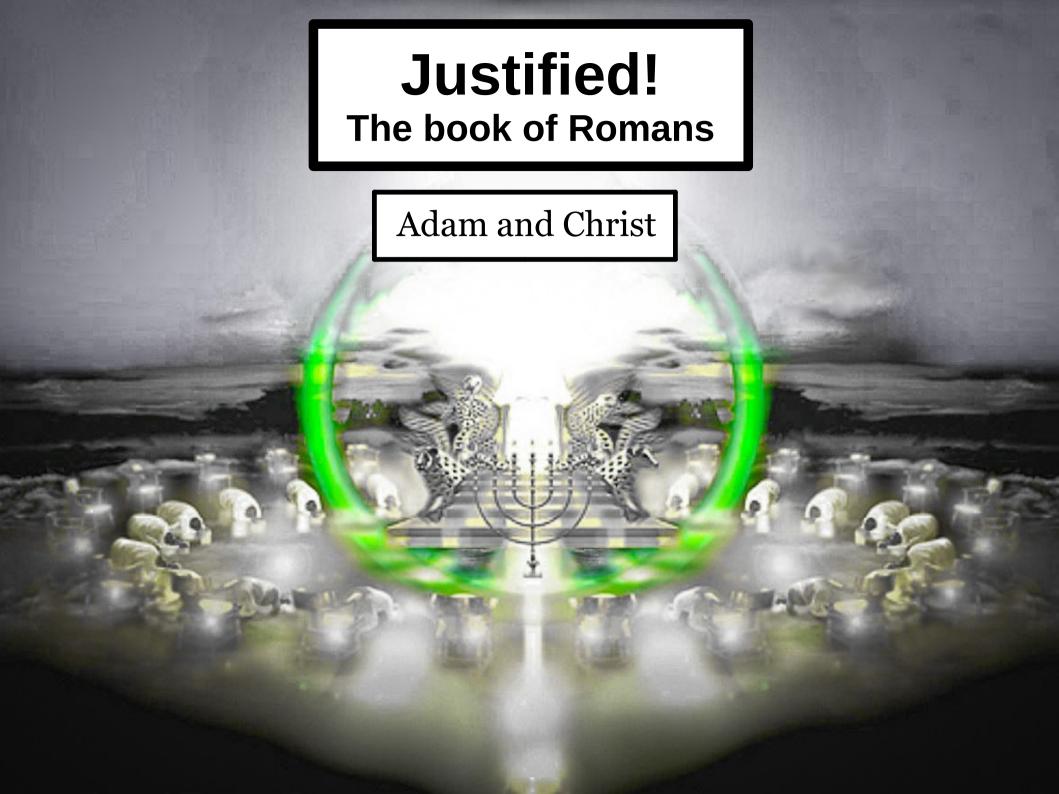
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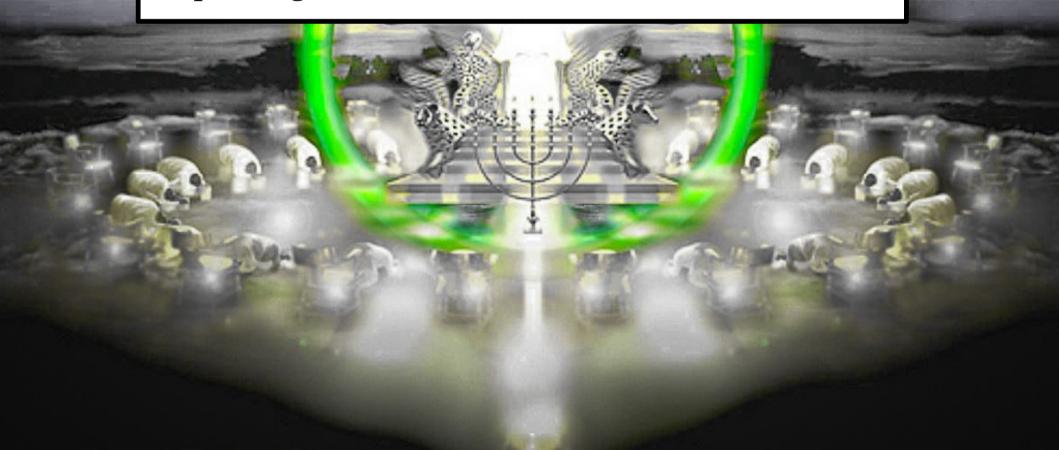
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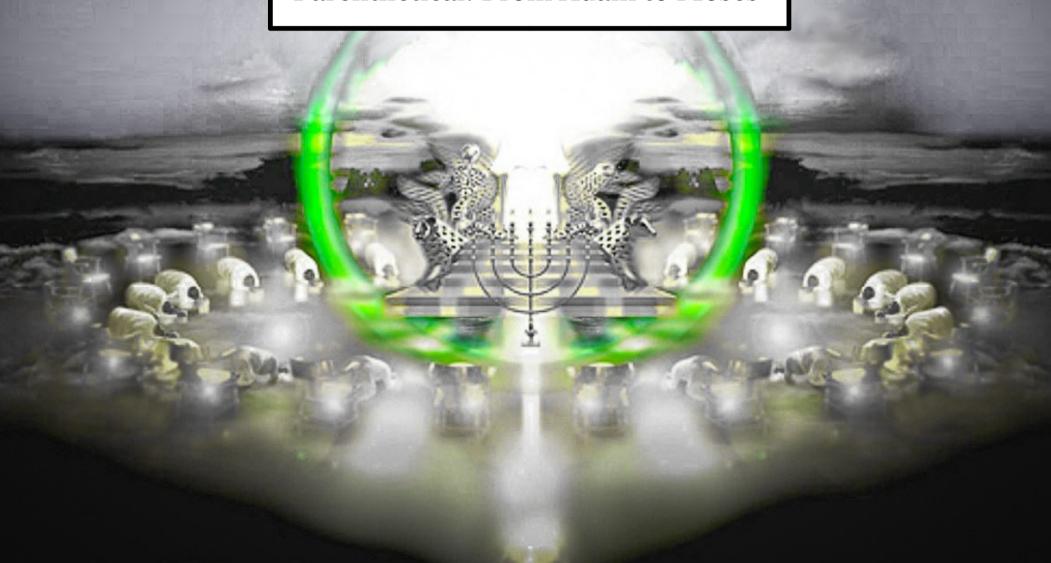
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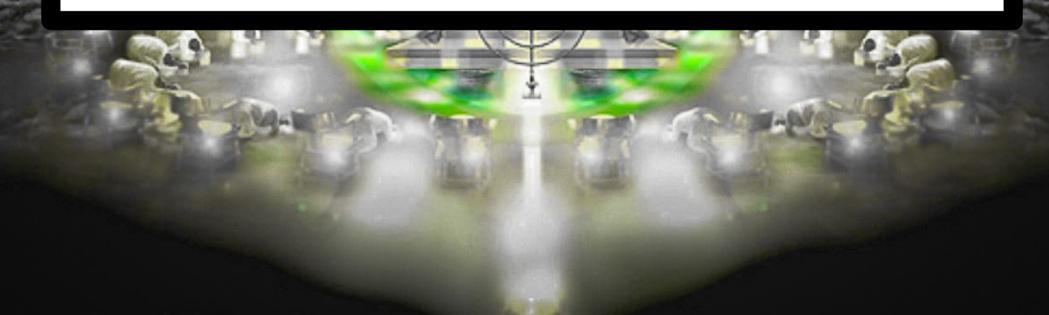
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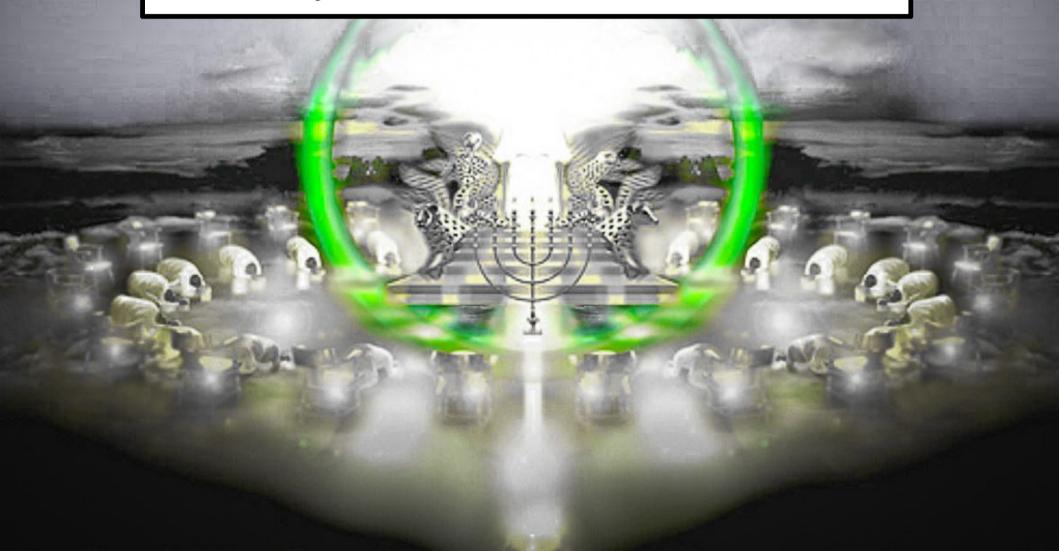
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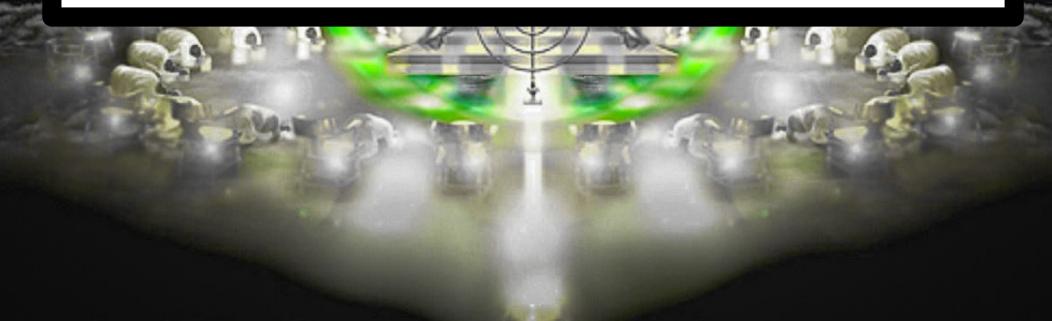
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