

ANSWERS

CHAPTER 9

A WEEK LATER...




PAUL!
PAUL!





HI, LOIS.
WHAT'S UP?



HEY, PAUL, I
NEED ANOTHER
DELIVERY!

YOU WENT
THROUGH ALL THAT
ALREADY?!



HEY,
NOTHIN' WRONG
WITH HAVING A
GOOD TIME,
RIGHT?


OKAAAY.
JUST CALL THE SHOP
AND ORDER SOMETHING
AND I'LL DROP IT BY
THIS AFTERNOON.



I WAS
GONNA DO THAT
BUT I'M KINDA
TAPPED-OUT AT THE
MOMENT. THE SHOP
WON'T GIVE ME ANY
MORE CREDIT
EITHER...


I WAS
WONDERING IF YOU
COULD HELP ME.

I CAN ONLY
DELIVER WHAT
PEOPLE ORDER,
LOIS.



COME ON,
PAUL. YOU CAN PICK
ME UP SOMETHING',
RIGHT? I'LL PAY YA
BACK. I'M GOOD FOR
IT.

THIS REALLY
ISN'T A GOOD
TIME, LOIS. YOU
JUST NEED TO
CALL THE
SHOP.



I ALREADY
TOLD YOU THEY
WON'T GIVE ME
ANY MORE!

COME ON,
PAUL, HOOK ME
UP!!



I'LL SHARE SOME WITH YOU. YOU CAN COME OVER TO MY PLACE. WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE PARTY...JUST YOU AND ME!

HEY, GET A GRIP, LOIS! JUST CALL THE SHOP. I GOTTA GO!

YA GOTTA
HOOK ME UP,
PAUL!





PLEEEAAASE!!!




HEY, TIM!





HEY, PAUL.

HEY, MAN.
HOW'S IT
GOING'?



CRAZY.
I'M TRYING TO
FIGURE ALL THIS
OUT. I'M SO
CONFUSED!


YEAH, I WAS
TALKING TO SAPPHE
ABOUT THIS. SHE THINKS
YOUR'E NUTS FOR
LISTENING TO THIS NOAH
GUY.

SHE THINKS WE
SHOULD REPORT
HIM TO THE
POLICE.




SHE THINKS THAT
PEOPLE LIKE HIM ARE
JUST OUT TO UNDERMINE
ALL THE GOOD STUFF
THAT'S HAPPENING.

WHAT?
WHY?



"GOOD STUFF"
LIKE PEOPLE BEING
KILLED?

YOU KNOW WHAT
I MEAN.




YEAH...
BUT WHAT ABOUT
ALL THIS "GOD"
STUFF? DON'T YOU
EVER THINK ABOUT
IT?

I TRY NOT TO!



COME ON,
PAUL. I'M
SERIOUS.




I KNOW...
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO THINK
EITHER.

HAVE YOU
EVER TRIED
READING THE
BIBLE?




IT'S YOU!
WHERE HAVE YOU
BEEN?!


A scene from an animated film showing three characters sitting on stone steps. On the left is a character with short red hair and green eyes, wearing a black jacket with red accents and dark pants. In the center is a character with short white hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark green short-sleeved shirt and black pants. On the right is a character with short brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They are all looking towards the center character. The background consists of stone steps and a wall with some plants.

I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL. IF THE WATCHERS CATCH ME, THEY CAN KEEP ME FROM DOING MY JOB.


AND WHAT'S YOUR JOB?

A 3D animated scene featuring two characters in a stone building. On the left, a woman with short blonde hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark green sleeveless top, looks towards the right. On the right, a man with short brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a blue patterned shirt, is shown in profile, looking towards the woman. The background consists of stone walls, a stone balustrade with decorative balusters, and a set of stone steps. A white speech bubble is positioned in the upper left corner.

TO TELL
PEOPLE ABOUT
JESUS SO THAT
THEY CAN GET
SAVED.




SO, YOU'RE
GONNA SAVE THE
WORLD, HUH?!



NO, I CAN'T
SAVE ANYONE. I
CAN JUST TELL
THEM THE
TRUTH.


GOD'S THE
ONE WHO SAVES
PEOPLE.

A scene from an animated film showing three characters sitting on stone steps. On the left is a character with bright red hair and green eyes, wearing a dark jacket with red accents. In the center is a character with short, straight white hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark green sleeveless top. On the right is a character with short brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. They are engaged in a conversation. The background consists of stone steps and a wall with decorative elements.

THAT GOD'S
REAL...THAT HE
HATES SIN. THAT'
HE PUNISHES
SIN...

AND THAT HE'S
MERCIFUL AND
PROVIDES A WAY TO
ESCAPE THAT
PUNISHMENT.

AND WHAT'S THE
TRUTH?!




WHEN YOU SAY
"PUNISH", YOU
MEAN HELL,
RIGHT?!

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YES.
THAT'S WHERE
PEOPLE GO, AFTER THEY
DIE, IF THEY'VE SPENT
THEIR WHOLE LIFE
REBELLING AGAINST
GOD.

SO, WHERE IS
HELL
EXACTLY?!



WHAT? DO YOU
WANT A MAP OR
SOMETHING? GPS
COORDINATES?



ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING WITHOUT FACTS?


I BELIEVE IN SCIENCE. I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMETHING UNLESS THERE ARE FACTS. YOU HAVE NO FACTS TO TELL ME.



YEAH,
ABSOLUTELY!


WHAT ABOUT
THE BIG BANG?

WHAT ABOUT
IT? THAT'S
SCIENCE!



WELL,
LET'S SEE IF
THAT'S TRUE.
ARE YOU FAMILIAR
WITH THE "SCIENTIFIC
METHOD"?

YEAH, OF
COURSE. WE
STUDY THAT IN
SCHOOL.



THE "SCIENTIFIC
METHOD" INCLUDES
REPEATABLE
EXPERIMENTATION
AND OBSERVATION.

HAS ANYONE
EVER OBSERVED
THE "BIG
BANG"?

WELL...NO.
IT HAPPENED A
LONG TIME
AGO.

HAS ANYONE EVER REPEATED THE "BIG BANG" EXPERIMENTALLY?


WELL, NO...BUT WE CAN SEE THAT THE UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING. THAT PROVES THAT THERE WAS A BIG BANG!

NO, IT JUST PROVES THAT THE UNIVERSE IS EXPANDING...WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS...



IN 17
DIFFERENT
PLACES THE
BIBLE SAYS THAT
GOD STRETCHES
OUT THE
HEAVENS.

IT ONLY TOOK
SCIENCE
SEVERAL
THOUSAND YEARS
TO CATCH UP TO
THE BIBLE.



AND
WHAT ABOUT
THE LAWS OF
PHYSICS? WHERE
DID THEY COME
FROM?

THE "BIG BANG" IS
ABOUT ENERGY AND
MATTER. WHERE DID THE
NUCLEAR FORCE, THAT HOLDS
ATOMIC NUCLEI TOGETHER, COME
FROM? YOU HAVE TO HAVE THAT
IN ORDER TO TURN ENERGY
INTO MATTER.


WHAT ABOUT GRAVITY? THERE ARE SEVERAL THEORIES ABOUT THAT. WHICH ONE IS TRUE? WHERE'S THE PROOF?

WELL... WE HAVEN'T FIGURE THAT OUT YET.

WHERE DID THE THING THAT EXPLODED IN THE "BIG BANG" COME FROM? WHAT HELD IT TOGETHER BEFORE IT EXPLODED? WHAT CAUSED IT TO EXPLODE?


THERE ARE
LOTS OF THEORIES
ABOUT ALL THOSE
THINGS!






RIGHT, BUT
NO FACTS. ARE
YOU REALLY
BETTING YOUR
ETERNAL SOUL ON
A BUNCH OF
GUESSES?

I THOUGHT YOU
NEEDED **FACTS** IN
ORDER TO
BELIEVE?




HE'S GOT YA ON
THAT ONE.


A scene from an animated film showing three characters sitting on stone steps. The character in the center, with short white hair and a dark green vest, is speaking. To her left is a character with short red hair and a black jacket. To her right is a character with short brown hair and a blue long-sleeved shirt. The background consists of stone steps and a wall with decorative elements.

SO, TIM,
WE CAN GO BACK
AND FORTH ON
THESE THINGS FOR
HOURS, BUT I DON'T
WANT YOU TO MISS
THE BIGGER
POINT...


WHY DO YOU THINK
THAT PEOPLE LIKE
YOURSELF, WHO SAY THEY
ONLY BELIEVE FACTS, ARE
WILLING TO BELIEVE THESE
UNPROVEN THEORIES AND USE
THEM AS AN EXCUSE NOT
TO BELIEVE IN GOD?




IT'S BECAUSE THE
"BIG BANG" HAS NO
MORALITY. IT HAS NO RIGHT
OR WRONG. SO PEOPLE, AS
INDIVIDUALS OR A SOCIETY, CAN
DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES
WHAT'S RIGHT AND WRONG.
AND THAT'S EXACTLY THE
WAY PEOPLE LIKE IT!

A scene from an animated film showing three characters sitting on stone steps. On the left is a character with short red hair and green eyes, wearing a black jacket with red accents. In the center is a character with short blonde hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark green vest over a light-colored shirt. On the right is a character with short brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. The blonde character is gesturing with their right hand while speaking. The background consists of stone steps and a wall with decorative elements.


JUST LOOK AT
WHAT'S BEEN GOING
ON LATELY. PEOPLE
LOVE THAT LAWS AND
RESTRICTIONS ARE
BEING TAKEN AWAY.



THE SIMPLE FACT IS;
PEOPLE LOVE THEIR SIN
MORE THAN GOD. THEY DON'T
WANT TO BELIEVE IN THE GOD OF
THE BIBLE BECAUSE HE SAYS
WHAT'S RIGHT AND WRONG...
AND PEOPLE JUST DON'T
LIKE THAT.



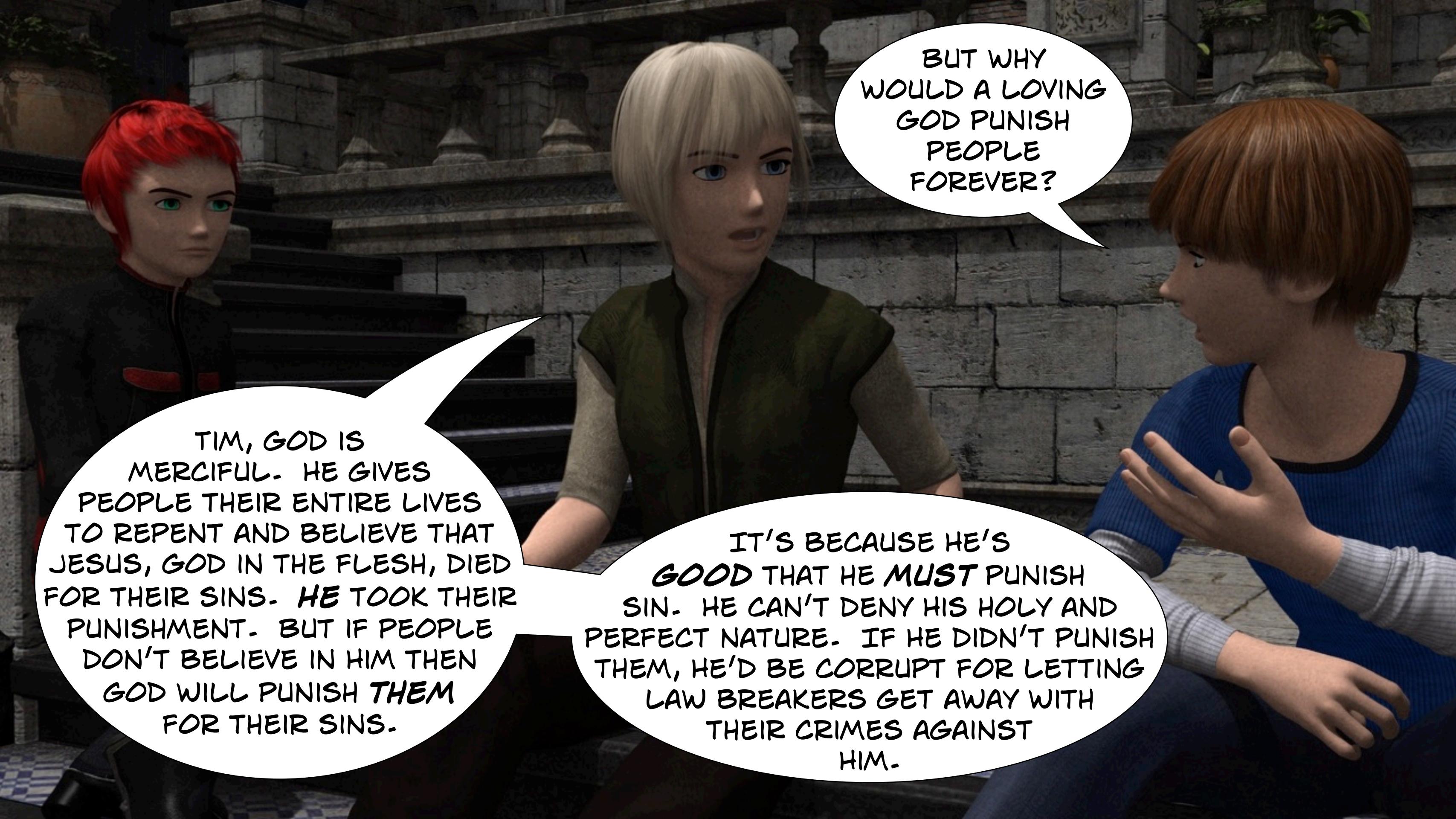
IT'S HARD TO
ENJOY YOUR SINS
WHEN YOU'RE THINKING
ABOUT THE ETERNAL
CONSEQUENCES.



SO PEOPLE
JUST TELL
THEMSELVES THAT
GOD DOESN'T
EXIST...

NO
GOD, NO
RULES.
NO RULES, NO
PUNISHMENT FOR
BREAKING THE
RULES.
SIMPLE.


THAT'S WHY PEOPLE WHO
WANT FACTS WHEN IT COMES TO
GOD, ARE WILLING TO BELIEVE ANY
THEORY THAT TELLS THEM HE
DOESN'T EXIST!



BUT WHY
WOULD A LOVING
GOD PUNISH
PEOPLE
FOREVER?

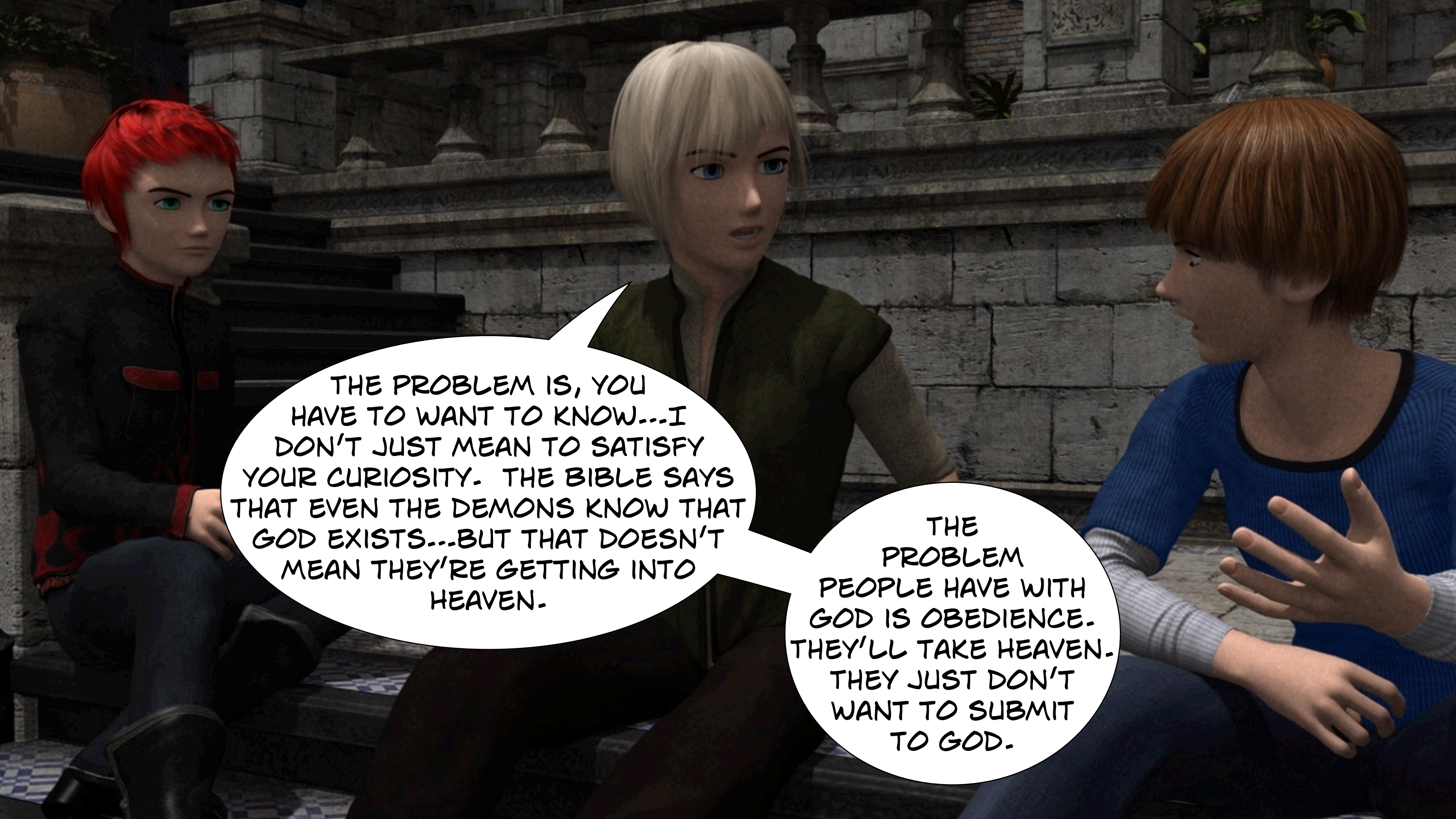
TIM, GOD IS
MERCIFUL. HE GIVES
PEOPLE THEIR ENTIRE LIVES
TO REPENT AND BELIEVE THAT
JESUS, GOD IN THE FLESH, DIED
FOR THEIR SINS. HE TOOK THEIR
PUNISHMENT. BUT IF PEOPLE
DON'T BELIEVE IN HIM THEN
GOD WILL PUNISH THEM
FOR THEIR SINS.

IT'S BECAUSE HE'S
GOOD THAT HE **MUST** PUNISH
SIN. HE CAN'T DENY HIS HOLY AND
PERFECT NATURE. IF HE DIDN'T PUNISH
THEM, HE'D BE CORRUPT FOR LETTING
LAW BREAKERS GET AWAY WITH
THEIR CRIMES AGAINST
HIM.

A 3D rendered scene showing three characters sitting on stone steps. On the left is a character with short red hair and green eyes, wearing a black jacket with red accents. In the center is a character with short white hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark green sleeveless top. On the right is a character with short brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. They are all looking towards each other in conversation. The background consists of stone steps and a wall with decorative elements.


IF YOU WANT
PROOF, JESUS SAID HE'D
REVEAL HIMSELF TO YOU.
THE BIBLE SAYS YOU CAN
KNOW YOU'RE SAVE BY THE
DOWNPAYMENT GOD
GIVES YOU.

YEAH, BUT
THERE'S STILL
NO PROOF!

The image shows three anime-style characters sitting on stone steps. On the left is a character with short red hair and green eyes, wearing a black and red jacket. In the center is a character with short white hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark green sleeveless top. On the right is a character with short brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. They are all looking towards each other in conversation. The background consists of stone steps and a wall with decorative elements.


THE PROBLEM IS, YOU
HAVE TO WANT TO KNOW...I
DON'T JUST MEAN TO SATISFY
YOUR CURIOSITY. THE BIBLE SAYS
THAT EVEN THE DEMONS KNOW THAT
GOD EXISTS...BUT THAT DOESN'T
MEAN THEY'RE GETTING INTO
HEAVEN.

THE
PROBLEM
PEOPLE HAVE WITH
GOD IS OBEDIENCE.
THEY'LL TAKE HEAVEN.
THEY JUST DON'T
WANT TO SUBMIT
TO GOD.

A 3D rendered scene showing three characters sitting on stone steps. On the left is a character with short red hair and green eyes, wearing a black jacket with red accents and dark pants. In the center is a character with short blonde hair, wearing a dark green tunic and black pants. On the right is a character with short brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They are all looking towards each other in conversation. The background consists of stone steps and a wall with decorative elements.

SO WHY ARE
BELIA AND THE
WATCHERS HERE
NOW?

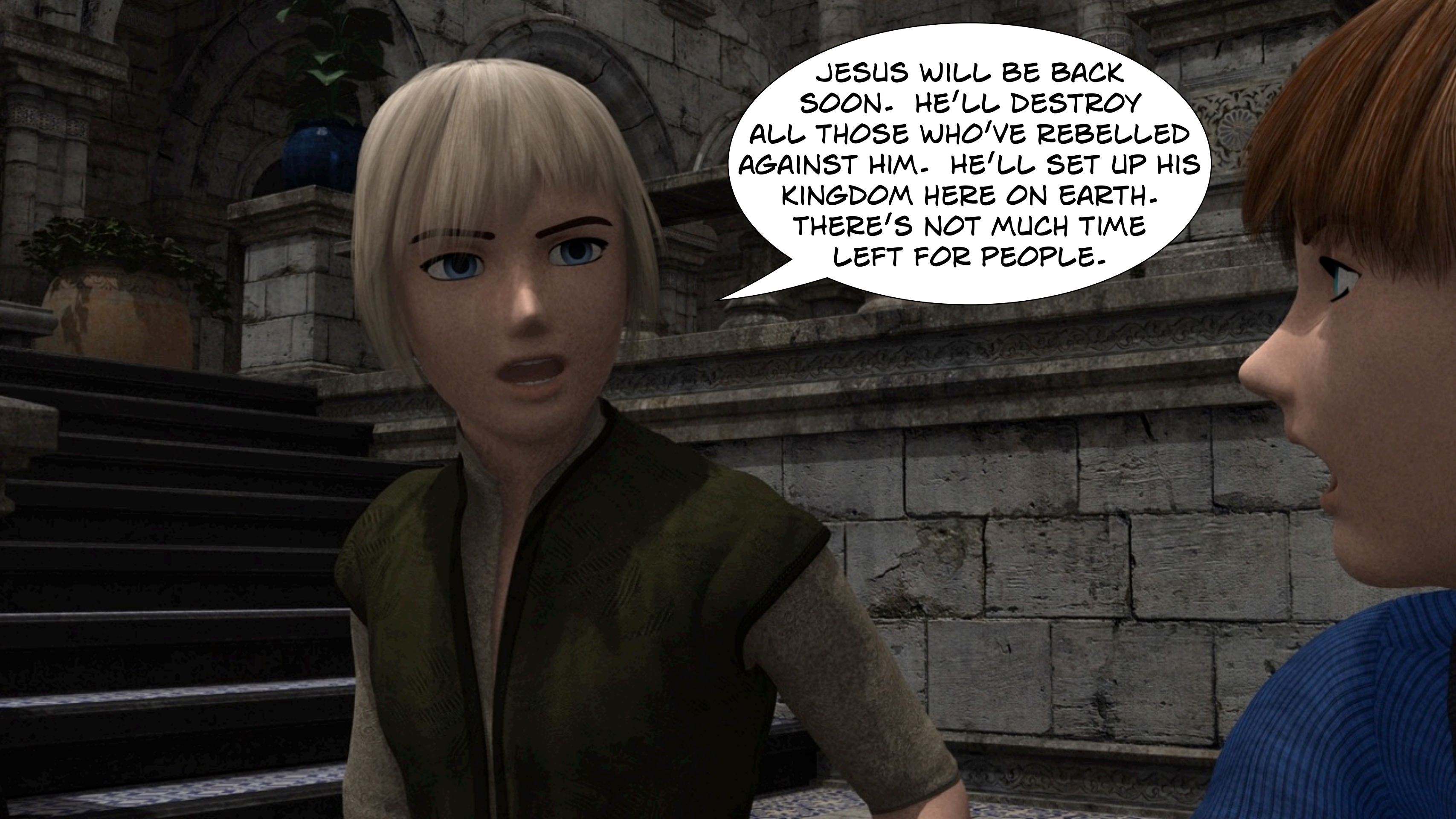
GOD'S ALREADY
TAKEN THE BELIEVERS
HOME TO HEAVEN WITH
HIM...BEFORE ALL THE
TROUBLE STARTS.



TROUBLE?!
WHAT TROUBLE?

THE BIBLE
SAYS THAT IN THE
LAST DAYS THERE WILL
BE A GREAT DECEPTION.
I'M AFRAID THAT'S WHAT'S
HAPPENING NOW. THE
FINAL DAYS ARE
HERE!

WHAT?!?



JESUS WILL BE BACK
SOON. HE'LL DESTROY
ALL THOSE WHO'VE REBELLED
AGAINST HIM. HE'LL SET UP HIS
KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH.
THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME
LEFT FOR PEOPLE.




SO,
BASICALLY,
WE'RE ALL
DOOMED!

NO. GOD'S GIVEN
US ONE MORE CHANCE.
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL
BE SAVED DURING THIS TIME.
GOD'S MERCIFUL. THERE'S
STILL TIME...BUT IT'S
RUNNING OUT!



GOD
SENT PEOPLE
TO WARN
EVERYONE...TO TELL
THEM THAT HE STILL
OFFERS THEM
MERCY...

BUT THEY
NEED TO OPEN
THEIR EYES. THAT'S
WHY I'M HERE. TO
WARN PEOPLE. TO
WARN YOU!

A 3D rendered character, likely a woman, is shown from the chest up. She has dark hair and is wearing a brown hooded cloak over a light-colored tunic. Her expression is serious. The background consists of stone buildings with decorative patterns under a blue sky with light clouds. A white speech bubble is positioned to the left of the character.

REDEEM THE
TIME, GENTLEMEN,
BECAUSE THE DAYS
ARE EVIL.