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with enough power to...

- **cleanse from all sin**
- **set us free from all bondage**
- **break all the power of the enemy over us**
- **restore us to total spiritual health**
- **develop immunity to all last-day deceptions**

#36 – Holy Humor

An almost unbelievable furor has lately erupted over the use of cartoons in portraying certain religious ideologies. Without defending such usage of cartoons, may I point out that in the Book of Revelation our God uses several pictures of “holy humor” to portray with exaggeration the absurdities of his enemies.

Cartoons powerfully illustrate that a picture is worth a thousand words. The political cartoons in the underground newspapers of the former Soviet Union helped expose its crumbling political system. In one such cartoon a Soviet party official says, *“After the revolution everyone will eat strawberries and cream.”* A Russian citizen replies, *“But I don’t like strawberries and cream,”* to which the party official responds, *“After the revolution everyone will like strawberries and cream.”* Another cartoon depicts Mr. Gorbachev standing at the edge of a precipice, exclaiming, *“Our nation has come to the edge of an abyss, and under my leadership we are prepared to take a few bold steps forward.”* Cartoons like this helped bring down the Berlin Wall. Is it possible that God also wants to use cartoons to bring down the walls in your life and set you free from Satan’s deceptions?

The writer of Revelation used such cartoons of “holy humor” to expose with exaggeration the absurdity of Satan’s devices as contrasted with God’s program of salvation. One such caricature is the Lamb and the beast. The Lamb in Revelation chapter 5 appears in the very act of slaughter. The beast in Revelation 13 appears with only a slight deadly wound that is healed; the beast is powerfully arrayed with multiple heads, horns, crowns, and mouths to carry on its work in a powerful manner. As you consider these caricatures, ask yourself these questions:

- Who appears to be the strongest – the Lamb or the beast?
- Who is the best equipped, judging strictly by appearance, to win?
- If these two animals appeared in a stadium to fight each other, and you were a betting person, on who would you place your bets to win?
- Who actually wins?

God wants us to see things from His perspective. He wants us to see the great controversy as already completely settled. He wants us to see in advance history from His perspective. He even wants you to see your own trials from His heavenly vantage viewpoint. The Psalmist said, *“The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, for He sees that his day is coming”* (Psalm 37:12,13). John Newton (of *Amazing Grace* fame) in his hymn “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” said *“...with salvation’s walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes”* (Adventist Hymnal 423). And Martin Luther in his great reformation hymn, *A Mighty Fortress*, wrote: *“The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him, his rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.”*

On the cross Jesus uttered that word, *It is FINISHED!*

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