

PERFECTIONS



A. Introduction

B. Incommunicable Perfections

C. Communicable Perfections

1. Omniscience

2. Omnipotence

3. Holiness

4. Justice

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GOD'S

JUSTICE



“Justice is that phase of God's holiness which is seen in His treatment of the obedient and the disobedient subjects of His government. It is that attribute whereby He gives to every one what is due him.”

WGT Shedd

“That perfection of God by which He maintains Himself over against every violation of His holiness and shows in every respect that He is the Holy One.”

L. Berkhof

Isa 5:16 But the Lord of hosts will be exalted in **judgment**, and the **holy** God will show Himself **holy in righteousness**.

Ps 50:6 And the heavens declare His **righteousness**, For God Himself is **judge**. Selah.

Ps 119:137 Righteous art Thou, O Lord, And upright are Thy judgments.

1Pet 1:17 And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth;

JUSTICE

1. Retributive - punishment

God inflicting penalties
man deserves this



Deut 32:41 If I sharpen My flashing sword, And My hand takes hold on **justice, I will render **vengeance** on My adversaries, And I will **repay** those who hate Me.**

2Th 1:8 dealing out **retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**

JUSTICE



1. Retributive - punishment

**God inflicting penalties
man deserves this**

2. Remunerative - rewards

**God distributing rewards
believers undeserving**

Ps 58:11 and men will say, “Surely there is a **reward for the righteous; Surely there is a God who **judges** on earth!”**

Heb 6:10 For God is **not unjust so as to forget **your work** and the **love** which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.**

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WRATH



DISTORTIONS

- **Denied by liberals**
- **Weakened by some evangelicals**
- **Annihilation substituted**
- **Minimized by many conservatives**
- **Understood by few**

It is not:

- **Irrational state**
- **Loss of control**
- **Bad temper**
- **Cruelty**
- **Vindictive rage**

GOD's ...

Andromeda

**Justice
against sin**

It Is:

- **Necessary reaction to evil**
- **Right & Righteous**
- **Indignation against injustice**
- **Always judicial**
- **Punitive justice**

“Wrath is the holy revulsion of God’s being against that which is the contradiction of His holiness.”

John Murray

**“Wrath is God's personal
(though never malicious or, in a
bad sense, emotional) reaction
against sin.”**

CK Barrett

Nah 1:2-6 A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies... 6 Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire And the rocks are broken up by Him.

Isa 13:9 Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.

1Th 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

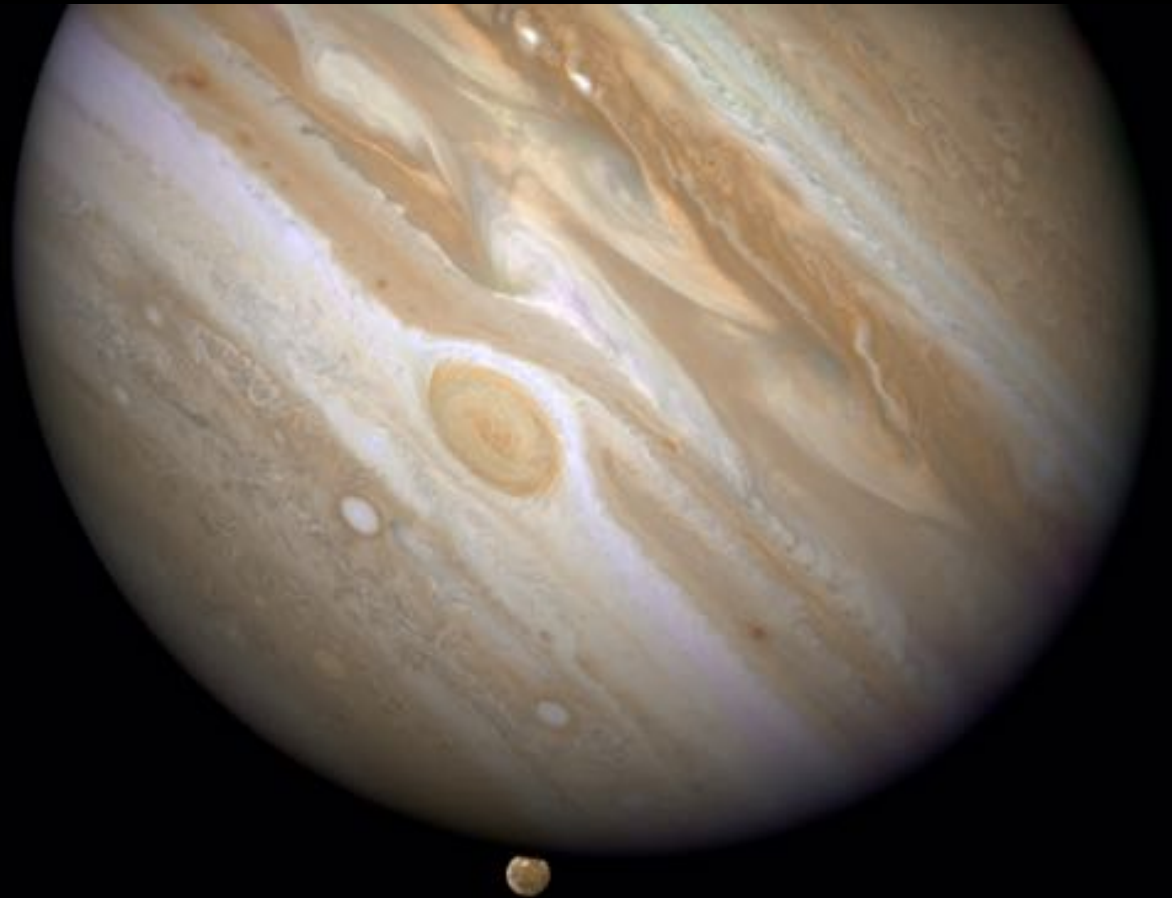
2Th 1:5-8 This is a plain indication of God's righteous **judgment** so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. **6** For after all it is only just for God to **repay** with **affliction** those who afflict you, ... **8** dealing out **retribution** to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel ...

DESCRIPTION

- **Burning anger**
- **Fury**
- **Anger kindled**
- **Indignation**
- **Blazing wrath**
- **Consuming fire**

DISPLAY

➤ Past



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Deut 29:23-24 ‘All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His **anger** and in His **wrath.**’ 24 “All the nations will say, ‘Why has the LORD done thus to this land? Why this great **outburst of anger?**’

Deut 9:7-8 “Remember, do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to **wrath** in the wilderness; from the day that you left the land of Egypt until you arrived at this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. 8 “Even at Horeb you provoked the LORD to **wrath** , and the LORD **was so angry** with you that He would have destroyed you.

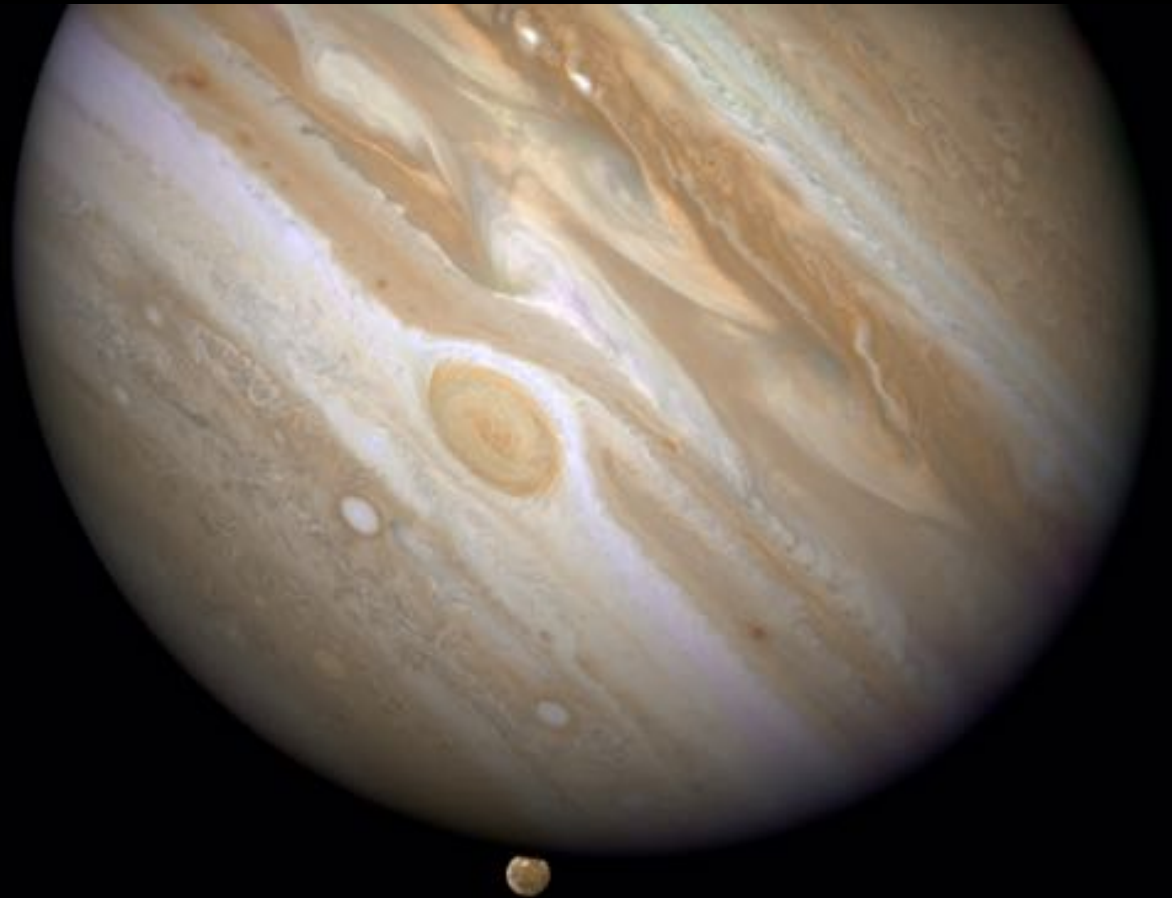
2Kgs 17:17 Then they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, **provoking** Him.

Jer 52:3 For through the **anger** of the LORD this came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. ...

DISPLAY

➤ Past

➤ Future



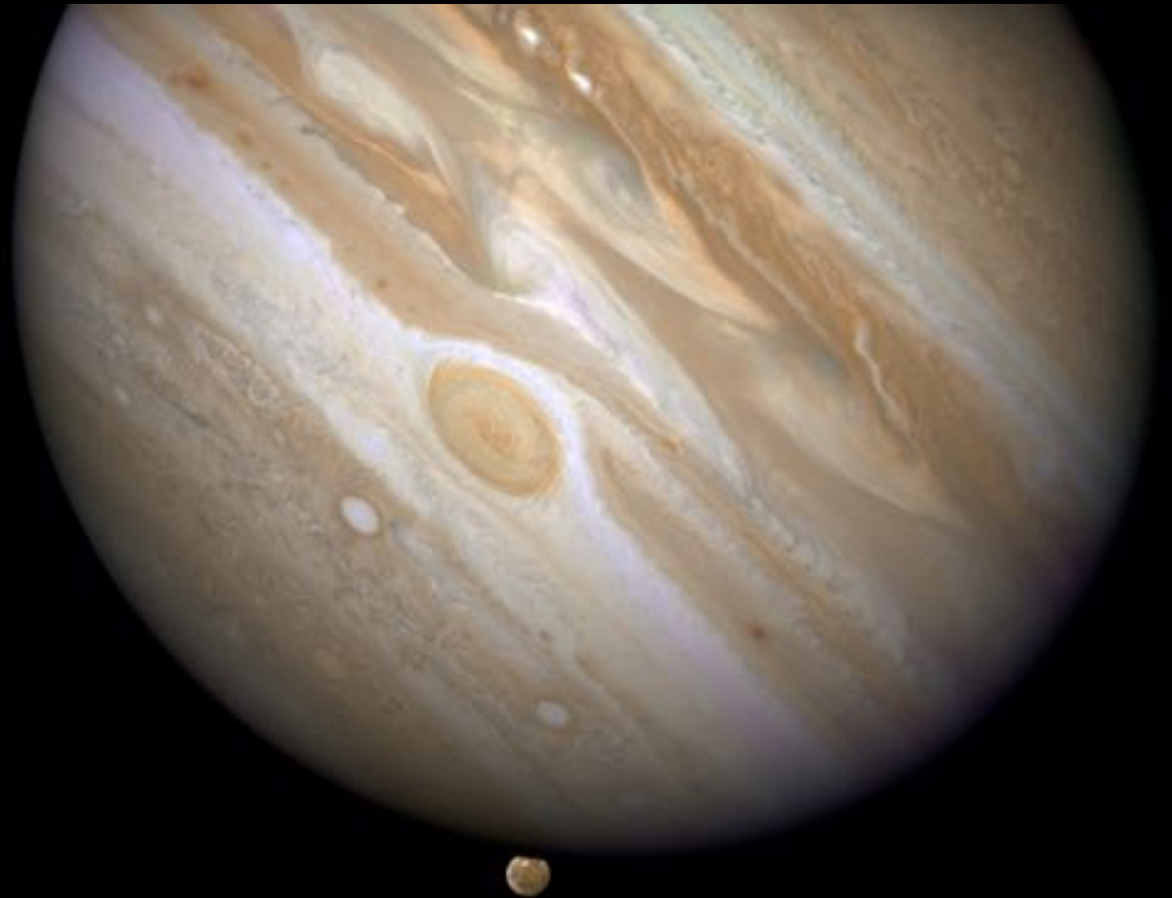
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Rev 6:16-17 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the **wrath** of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their **wrath** has come, and who is able to stand?”

Col 3:6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience,

DISPLAY

- Past
- Future
- Present



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IMPLICATIONS

- **God's attitude toward sin**
- **Appreciate God's grace**
- **Fear God**

**Sin is
serious, no
matter how
small!!**



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