

WHICH ROW PLEASES GOD?

Do not be afraid of those who
kill the body

but cannot kill the soul.

Rather, be afraid of the One
who can destroy both soul and
body in hell.

«Whoever acknowledges me
before men,

I will also acknowledge him
before my Father in heaven.

But whoever disowns me
before men,

I will disown him before my
Father in heaven.

(Matthew 10: 28,32,33)

Two rows of men walked the shore
of the sea,

On a day when the world's tears
would run free,

One a row of assassins, who
thought they did right,

The other of innocents, true sons
of the light,

One holding knives in hands held
high,

The other with hands empty,
defenseless and tied,

One row of slits to conceal glaring-
dead eyes,

The other with living eyes raised
to the skies,

One row stood steady, pall-bearers
of death,

The other knelt ready, welcoming
heaven's breath,

One row spewed wretched,
contemptible threats,

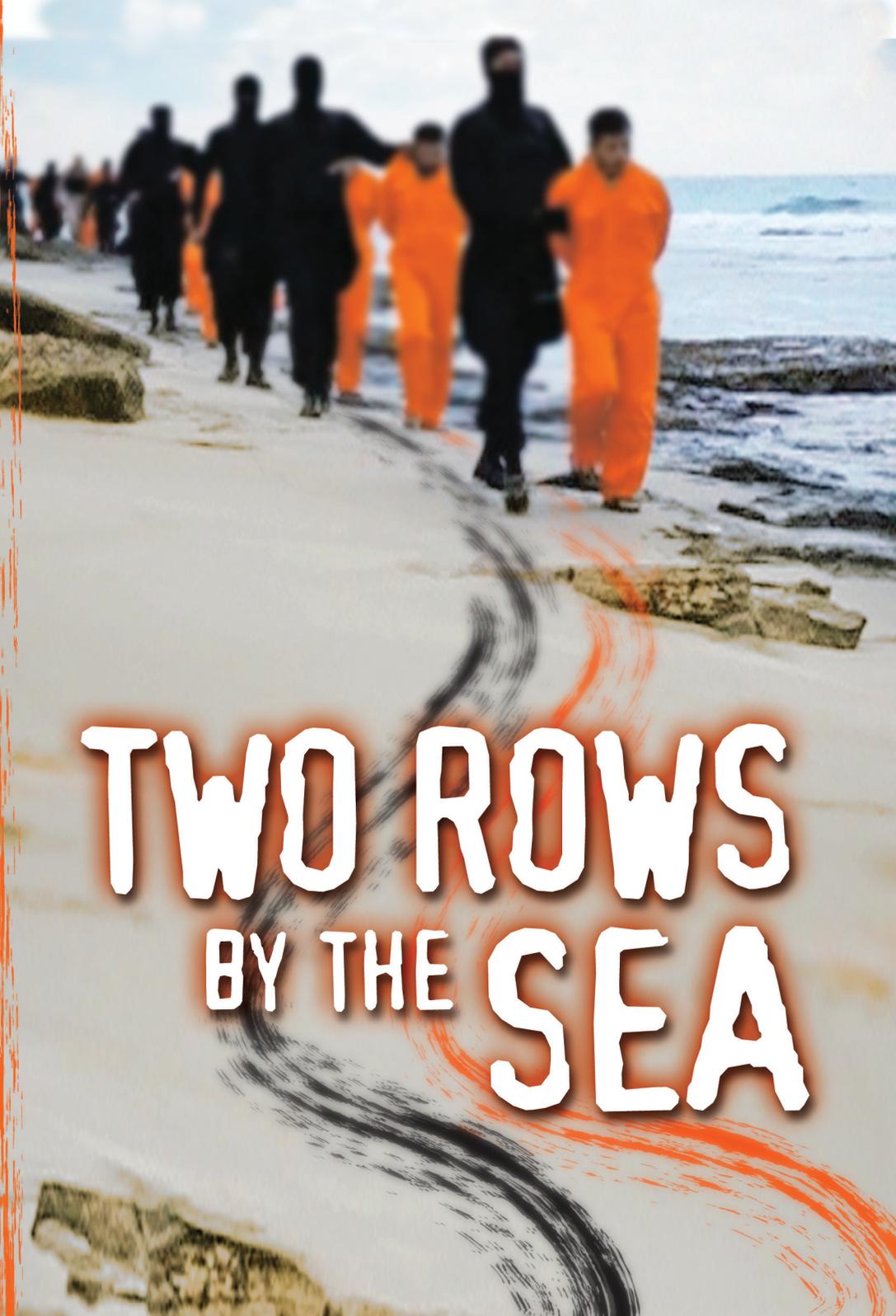
The other spread God-given peace
and rest.

A Question...

Who fears the other?

The row in orange, watching
paradise open?

Or the row in black, with minds
evil and broken?



TWO ROWS BY THE SEA

WHICH ROW UNDERSTANDS?

Dear friends,

Do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering,
as though something strange were happening to you.
But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ,
so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ,
you are blessed,
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

(1 Peter 4: 12-14)

A time is coming when anyone who kills you will think
he is offering a service to God.

They will do such things
because they have not known the Father or me.
I have told you this, so that when the time comes
you will remember that I warned you.

(John 16: 2-4)

WHICH ROW SEES?

When they heard this, they were furious
and gnashed their teeth at him.
But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit,
looked up to heaven

and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

"Look," he said, "I see heaven open

and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices,
they all rushed at him, ...

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed,
"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Then he fell on his knees and cried out,
"Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

When he had said this, he fell asleep.

(Acts 7: 54-60)

WHICH ROW WILL PREVAIL?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall trouble or hardship or persecution
or famine or nakedness
or danger or sword?

As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things

we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from
the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8: 35-39)