



Empowering People to Change the World

The Great End Times Judgement

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- Last week we looked at Revelation 13. We looked at the 8 Marks of the Anti-Christ.
- Now we see this huge contrast! This Invincible Force opposing Satan and his plans.
- Even today we have such fear because of so much random violence and terrorism, and yet God is in control and God is moving forward with His plan, The Invincible Force.
- We looked at the Mark of the Beast, but God will seal the believers with some kind of a mark. If we compare chapter 7:4-8 of Revelation, it would indicate that these 144,000 are Jews, 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes.
- 144,000 “Kosher Billy Grahams” evangelizing the earth.

Revelation 14:1

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.

- These 144,000 Jewish evangelists have the mark of Jesus on their foreheads! How cool is that!
- They have come to Jerusalem and they will gather there knowing that Christ is coming after 1,260 days.
- They have been counting the days since the time the Anti-Christ seated himself in Jerusalem. Each of them has the “Last Days Calendar” and are checking off the days.
- They are gathering to Jerusalem knowing that Christ will return to the Mount of Olives.
- Out of 150 Psalms, there are about 30 of them where we read of “Mount Zion” in a millennial sense.

○ **Psalms 2:4-6**

***⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.***

***⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:***

***⁶"Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion."***

- They have come to Zion anticipating the return of the Lord.
- In the midst of what will probably be a nuclear war and an onslaught of the Anti-Christ's persecution against Christians, they will all be miraculously preserved by God.

God protects and preserves His People throughout biblical history.

- God supernaturally preserved Noah and his family just before the flood.
- God supernaturally spared Lot and his family just before He brings fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah.
- Similar to God's sparing of the Jews during the time in Goshen when the Angel of Death came and slew the first born of the Egyptians on the Passover evening.
- During the time of Elijah we see the preservation of 5,000 prophets who have not bent their knee to Baal.
- In Ezekiel 9, the angel goes through Jerusalem and seals the forehead of those who have not given themselves to idolatry, so that when the judgment comes those who are pure, they are passed over from that judgment.
- The church will be raptured out just before the coming of the tribulation period.

- **Two groups during the Tribulation:**

- 1) Those who worship the Antichrist will have their foreheads sealed.
 - 2) Those who worship the Lord will also be sealed with some kind of physical mark.
- If you have received Christ, you have been raptured out and you are already sealed by the Holy Spirit.

- **Ephesians 1:13-14**

¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal (same word used in Revelation), the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-to the praise of his glory.

- God has already placed his seal upon us. This is another group being sealed.
- It is an invisible seal upon our hearts that cannot be erased or taken away.
- It is our engagement ring to mark us as His own till He comes and takes us home. You can never lose this mark.
- Just as this 144,000, under the most extreme persecution the world has ever known, are all preserved by God, so will you and me.

Revelation 14:2-3

² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. ³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the

hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

- We are in the balcony, in the mezzanine, singing and worshipping with the 144,000.
- This 144,000 has been protected through this great 7 year holocaust like the world has never seen.
 - What stories they will have to tell of God's providential care, holding off nuclear bombs to protect them, stories of impossible escapes.
 - They will be praising and worshipping the Lord during this time.
- What a contrast to the evil and destruction that the Anti-Christ is exacting upon the earth.

Revelation 14:4-5

⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

We see the 3 characteristics of these evangelists:

- 1) They are virgins. We see this in Jeremiah 16 where God commands the committed to be virgins.
 - We see Paul admonishing us to live as he is, as a virgin because the time is short.
 - It certainly makes sense that these men, during this time, would not want to be married nor have children.

- They have this incredible calling and thus have given up any relations with women during this 7 year tribulation period.
- 2) They are Spirit-led. Following the Lord wherever He sends them.
 - 3) They are walking in holiness. They have not been defiled with their mouths or with their lives.
 - a. They are all in, burn the boats, wholehearted disciples.
 - b. They have not given homage to the beast. They have given all their allegiance to the Lamb.
 - c. They are fully separated unto Christ with all their life and lifestyle.
- For example, they are not perfect. This means that from the vantage point of Christ looking at us, we are!
 - Christ sees each of us as fully forgiven and cleansed.

Jude 1:24

***Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,
And to present you faultless
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,***

- That is how God see's you! As the Father looks at you judicially, He sees you as righteous.

Revelation 14:6-10

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷ saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

⁸ And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

- A series of 3 angels at work here are giving people another chance to repent.
- These are real angels who are proclaiming: This is the day, this is the time! The gig is up.
- God knows everyone by name and He is reaching out to the world.
- This is only one Gospel: the everlasting gospel.

Matthew 24:14

Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”

- God is just and He is once again giving the world the chance to repent.
 - But for those who do not repent, there will be judgment, real judgment.
 - Jesus talked more about hell than he did about heaven. Did you know that?
 - The Bible clearly teaches that things are going to get worse.

♣ it will be like the days of Noah and Lot.

♣ In 1 Timothy 4; 2 Timothy 3; 2 Peter, and Jude tells us the last days will be perilous times. People will be lovers of self and lovers of pleasure, given over to immorality.

- God will judge the sin and the sinner and He is giving them an “angel of warning.”
- Babylon is being destroyed and I will explain what this means when we get to chapter 17.
- Warning after warning from a loving, caring God.

Revelation 14:11

¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

- I have heard people say “I don’t believe in hell” as if that somehow means that hell is now nonexistent because they do not believe in it.
- For example, if you had asked me 20 years ago that there would be a three shots of espresso, two shots of chocolate, peppermint, low fat milk, extra foam cup of coffee and that I would be willing to pay \$4 for, I would have not believed it. Just because I don’t believe it, doesn’t mean it doesn’t exist.
- Hell will be incredibly horrible, and if you are choosing this world over Christ, thus rejecting Christ, you will drink of this cup of wrath.

Matthew 13:40-43

⁴⁰ Jesus says, “Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and

will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

- Do not choose this world, choose Christ and shine forever!
- People commit suicide saying “I’ll just end it all.” Well they did not end anything! They just started the greatest torture the world has never known.
- But for the believer, we will have REST!
- Rest forever! Now that is what I am looking forward to.
- For example, I have a large family and there is no rest sometimes. What a joy to rest someday. I am looking forward to it.

Revelation 14:14-16

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” ¹⁶ So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

- The word “tribulation” comes from the Latin, “tribulum” meaning the threshing sled that was pulled over the grain to separate it from the chaf. This is what is happening during this tribulation period.
- The wheat is being separated from the chaf.
- John the Baptist prophesied this day.

Matthew 3:12

12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

- This is not Pentecostal fire, this is the judgment of God.
- There are two fires in the Bible: 1) is for power and anointing and 2) is for judgment, the threshing floor.
- This is Jesus with the sickle, a sharp sickle. No angel here!
- This is not an evangelistic harvest, this is a great judgment.
- This is the last time that the title for Jesus, "son of man," will be used in the Bible.
- Jesus so predicts.

- **John 5:22-23, 27**

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son...and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. NKJV

- God measures time morally. The earth is past ripe and now it is time.

Revelation 14:17-20

17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." 19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

- Now the angels join Jesus in the judgment of the earth.
- This is a picture of the Battle of Armageddon.
- In verse 20, the 1,600 furlongs means 180 miles of human blood.
- For example, Josephus speaks of the blood running in Jerusalem in 70ad, that the blood ran into the homes and put out the fires.
- For example, in the Civil War, for many battles the streams ran red with the blood of the dead.
- At Armageddon, these examples will pale, there will be 180 miles of blood.

**The vine of this world is so pitiful, it is the vine of death!
Emotional death, mental death, physical death, spiritual death.**

- This vine is now in the winepress being consumed.
- But there is another vine, and it is the vine of Jesus Christ.
- **John 15:1-8**
¹"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this

My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

- Which vine will you choose?
- Will you choose the world's vine which will be taken away, cut off and cast into a fire?
- Will you choose the new life of Christ, bearing fruit for God: love, joy, peace? Bear much fruit.