

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST – PROCLAMATION OF THREE ANGELES - THE GOSPEL AND GOD’S JUDGEMENT-- 14:6-13

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Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – **Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email – ptwente@gmail.com** For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, Vernon McGee, David Hocking, Warren Wiersbe and others.

THE THIRD WOE — MIDDLE OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION – THE SEVENTH BLOWS DURING THE LAST 3.5 YEARS! VS. 6-7 - THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Rev 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven,

having the (no “the” in the original) everlasting gospel to preach to those

who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

Rev 14:7 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."

V. 8 - THE PREDICTION OF THE FALL OF BABYLON

Rev 14:8 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."

Revelation 14:6-13 - “I looked” and “I saw” 14:1, 6, 14 - divided in three sections; in the last two sections, there are three angels who give proclamations in each section - cf. 14:6, 8, 9 and 14:15, 17, 18 - In our passage (14:6-13) there are three angel messages and a voice from heaven - vv. 6, 8, 9, 13

v. 6 “another (allos-same, equivalent) angel” - cf. 8:13 – “flying in the midst of heaven” (announcing the three coming woes) -THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

v. 6 “everlasting gospel” - The gospel is an “everlasting” gospel (no definite article) (see discussion in Scofield’s notes - *) Cf. - Gal. 1:6-9 – We need to watch for those who pervert the gospel of Christ! – “let him be accursed”! World Parliament of Religions We have the same gospel that Jesus and the apostles preached!

v. 6 “to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people” The gospel will reach all nations by the end of the tribulation - Matthew 24:14

v. 18 “Fear God, and give glory to Him ... and worship Him” - The gospel is a message that brings men to God

Two reasons for such a response to God:

v. 7 “for the hour of His judgment has come” - The hour of His judgment has come

v. 7 “who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water” - He made heaven and earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters Cf. Romans 1:18-23, 32

THE PREDICTION OF THE FALL OF BABYLON - v. 8 “Babylon” - 14:8; 16:19; 17:5; 18:2, 10, 21

v. 8 “that great city” is used of Jerusalem in Rev. 11:8 (2 witnesses killed) and the “New Jerusalem” in Rev. 21:10 - Called “the great city” - 14:8; 16:19; 18:10, 21

FOUR MAJOR VIEWPOINTS:

1. It refers to the city of Jerusalem – Rev. 11:8 & 21:10
2. It refers to the city of Babylon which will be rebuilt – Jer. 50:35, 39-40
3. It refers to the city of Rome – Rev. 17:9, 18 cf. 21:9 with 17:2, 5
4. It refers to an unknown city in tribulation period - “mystery Babylon”

“THE GOSPEL & GOD’S JUDGMENT”

* SCOFIELD COMMENTARY NOTES RE THE GOSPEL: This great theme may be summarized as follows:

- I. In itself, the word Gospel means good news.
- II. Four forms of the Gospel are to be distinguished:
 - (1) The Gospel of the kingdom. This is the good news that God purposes to set up on the earth, in fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant: (2Sa_7:16): a kingdom, political, spiritual, Israelitish, universal, over which God's Son, David's heir, shall be King, and which shall be, for one thousand years, the manifestation of the righteousness of God in human affairs. Two preachings of this Gospel are mentioned, one past, beginning with the ministry of John the Baptist, continued by our Lord and His disciples, and ending with the Jewish rejection of the King. The other is yet future (Mat_24:14) during the great tribulation, and immediately preceding the coming of the King in glory.
 - (2) The Gospel of the grace of God. This is the good news that Jesus Christ, the rejected King, has died on the cross for the sins of the world, that He was raised from the dead for our justification, and that, by Him, all that believe are justified from all things. This form of the Gospel is described in many ways. It is the Gospel...
 - "of God" (Rom_1:1) because it originates in His love;
 - "of Christ" (2Co_10:14) because it flows from His sacrifice, and because He is the alone Object of Gospel faith;
 - of the "grace of God" (Act_20:24) because it saves those whom the law curses;
 - of "the glory"; (1Ti_1:11); (2Co_4:4) because it concerns Him who is in the glory, and who is bringing the many sons to glory; (Heb_2:10);
 - of "our salvation" (Eph_1:13) because it is the "power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes"; (Rom_1:16);
 - of "the uncircumcision" (Gal_2:7) because it saves wholly apart from forms and ordinances of "peace" (Eph_6:15) because through Christ it makes peace between the sinner and God, and imparts inward peace.

“Babylon” is God’s name for the world system of “the beast,” the entire economic and political organization by which he rules.

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VS. 9-11 - THE PUNISHMENT OF THOSE WHO WORSHIP THE BEAST

Rev 14:9 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,

Rev 14:10 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.

Rev 14:11 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."

v. 9 "worships the beast and his image," - The Greek text reads, "If any man continues to worship the beast," suggesting that there is still opportunity for repentance and salvation. The EVIDENCE that such punishment is deserved

v. 9 "receives his mark" - The EXPLANATION of this punishment upon those who worship the beast

v. 10 "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God" - cf. Psalms 75:7-8 – God will not mix mercy with this judgment, but will pour out His undiluted indignation on a rebellious world. "cup" – cf. Job 21:20; Ps. 60:3; Is. 51:17; Mt. 26:39, 42 In OT – an expression of destiny both for good and for bad

vs. 10-11 "He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. [11] And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night," - The EXTENT of this punishment - Cf. Matthew 25:41, 46; Luke 16:24-31; Jude 6-7; Rev. 20:10, 15 - DOES GOD PUNISH PEOPLE FOREVER? Why not in the presence of the elders?

v. 10-11 "shall be tormented.....their torment - It is described as a place of "torment" - Luke 16:24, 28

v. 10 "with fire and brimstone" - It is described as a place of "fire and brimstone" - Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 15 and Gen. 19:24-25

v. 11 "forever and ever" - It is described as a place of "eternal" torment - cf. Mt. 25:41, 46; Rev. 4:9-10 - same words used of God Himself!!

v.11 "they have no rest day or night," - It is described as a place of eternal restlessness - How serious is this?—being forever in a place of torment?

(SCOFIELD COMMENTARY NOTES – CONT'D)
(3) The everlasting Gospel, (Rev. 14:6). This is to be preached to the earth-dwellers at the very end of the great tribulation and immediately preceding the judgment of the nations (Mat. 15:31). It is neither the Gospel of the kingdom, nor of grace. Though its burden is judgment, not salvation, it is good news to Israel and to those who, during the tribulation, have been saved; (Rev. 7:9-14); (Luk. 21:28); (Psa. 96:11-13); (Isa. 35:4-10).
(4) That which Paul calls, "my Gospel" (Rom. 2:16). This is the Gospel of the grace of God in its fullest development, but includes the revelation of the result of that Gospel in the outcalling of the church, her relationships, position, privileges, and responsibility. It is the distinctive truth of Ephesians and Colossians, but interpenetrates all of Paul's writings.
III. There is "another Gospel" (Gal. 1:6); (2Co. 11:4) "which is not another," but a perversion of the Gospel of the grace of God, against which we are warned. It has many seductive forms, but the test is one -- it invariably denies the sufficiency of grace alone to save, keep, and perfect, and mingles with grace some kind of human merit. In Galatia it was law, in Colosse fanaticism (Col. 2:18); etc. In any form, its teachers lie under the awful anathema of God.

Magee: vs. 10 - "Tormented with fire and brimstone."
Now let me say that if this is not literal fire and brimstone, whatever it is must be worse than fire and brimstone. If it is a symbol, remember that a symbol is used to give a faint representation of the real. It is rather like the essence of something. There is the essence of pepper and the essence of perfume. Essence is the faint odor that is left in the bottle after the substance is gone. A symbol is an essence or just a faint copy of the real thing, and the reality can be much worse than the symbol indicates. But remember, the brimstone of Sodom was quite literal. That is a fact you should mull over in your mind if you want to reject a literal hell.

We may not like the word *torment*, but it is here just the same (Rev. 14:10; see also Rev. 9:5; Rev. 11:10; Rev. 20:10).

Would it not be timely right now to totally wish that everyone would come to the Lord?

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VS. 12-13 - THE PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit,

"that they may rest from their labors,

and their works follow them."

v. 12 "who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."
- The primary CHARACTERISTIC of the saints - those who keep the commandments of Jesus! – Rev. 6:9; 12:17
Does this describe me? You? Yes, as believers, we are headed for heaven NOT hell! Are His commandments onerous? Cf. Mt. 11:28-29

v. 13 "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on" - The future CONDITION of the saints – 2 Cor. 5:8- "well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."!!

v. 13 "that they may rest from their labors" – what a contrast to v. 11!!!! - "no rest day or night" - cf. Rev. 22:3-5 - Their eternal Rest!
Robertson – "There is this to comfort us for all our growth here. Even if cut short, it can be utilized in heaven, which is not a place of idleness, but of the highest form of spiritual service."

v. 13 "and their works follow them" - Their eternal Reward - cf. 1 Cor. 3:8, 11-15; 15:58; Col. 3:24; Heb. 6:10; - Wesley – "Their works do not go before to procure them admittance into the mansions of joy; but they follow them when admitted."

2 Pet. 3:10-18 -"beware lest you fall from your own steadfastness (through false teaching/errors in doctrine)...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".

In this wicked world, believers must take time to daily feed on the Word, pray, and exercise their spiritual muscles.

Questions:

1. When (at what point in the Biblical calendar) do you think the gospel will reach all nations? In Mt. 24:14, Jesus says, *"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."* When/what do think *"then the end will come"* refers to?
2. Do you think that it's accurate to say that there have been different gospels during different periods of history?
3. Who do you think will take the gospel to the ends of the world during the Tribulation?
4. Does the Bible teach that the gospel can ever be preached with "fear tactics"?
5. Does God have a place called "hell"? Does God punish (torment) people forever? (v. 11)
6. From tonight's study, can you see that God may have wanted Obama to be re-elected?
7. Do believer's keep the Lord's commandments to go to heaven or do those going to heaven keep His commandments? Why? Are His commandments onerous or they blessings?
8. v. 10 - Why do you think the elders are not included *"in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb."*?
9. v. 13 - What do you think *"rest from their labors"* means?