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Revelation 14:1-20

The Lamb and the 144,000

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. 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. 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* firstfruits 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.

The Proclamations of Three Angels

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. 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.” ¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.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.”

Reaping the Earth’s Harvest

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.

Reaping the Grapes of Wrath

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.

OKAY, HERE’S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

God sealed the 144,000 marking them for his special purposes. The Bible teaches us that when a person is born again they are sealed by the Holy Spirit. This is a spiritual mark of ownership seen by God upon all his children. The blood of Jesus Christ was the payment for all our sins and when we believe this and put our faith in him the Holy Spirit seals us identifying Believers until the day of our final redemption!

Ephesians 1:13-14 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise,

who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

We see in this chapter that God sends a mighty angel to fly through heaven proclaiming the everlasting gospel to all the nations of the earth. What does this mean? I believe that it is a sign of the mercy and goodness of God to humanity, one last opportunity to be saved. I understand this as God providing a choice for every person just before the most severe outpouring of his wrath known as the seven bowl judgments come upon the earth. Now, in the timeline of God's prophetic purposes not a single person is without excuse because God is making sure that they hear the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. Think about this for a minute, if you saw a mighty angel from heaven proclaiming to you the gospel how could you not believe it and be saved?

The truth is, God created mankind with the ability to make choices even about believing in God and salvation. The good news is that we know that multitudes are going to believe in Jesus and be saved at this time. We also see multitudes that make a decision to not believe the gospel. These people worship the Beast and receive the Mark of the Beast in their forehead or hand. They will be condemned eternally as the Scriptures say here that the smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever. This will be an eternal reminder of the fate of those that blaspheme God Almighty and choose to follow Satan.

The apostle John sees the gathering of the grapes of the wrath of God. Who does he see treading the winepress of the wrath of God? The Son of Man referring to the Lord Jesus Christ. When it says that blood came out of the winepress of the wrath of God as deep as a horses bridal and it spread 1600 furlongs outside the city I believe this is symbolic of the severity of the wrath of God to be outpoured. In other words, the judgment and wrath of God that are about to follow this scene will be inescapable just like when a person falls into quicksand, they are overcome and perish. So it will be, that no one will be able to escape the coming bowl judgments.

WHATS THE BOTTOM LINE?

- 1) Those that are saved are sealed with the Holy Spirit
- 2) A mighty angel proclaims the Gospel giving humanity one last opportunity to be saved
- 3) Multitudes continue in rebellion, worship the beast and receive his mark
- 4) Those that receive the mark of the beast will be tormented forever
- 5) The winepress of the wrath of God represents the final seven bowl judgments

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