

Revelation 14: Last Call

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 13 Review: Unholy Trinity

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- II. **Earth Beast:** False-Prophet

Chapter 14 Introduction: Last call

- I. **Lamb and the First fruits:** Jesus on Mount Zion with 144,000
- II. **Grace Proclaimed:** Everlasting Gospel in the midst of the Great Tribulation
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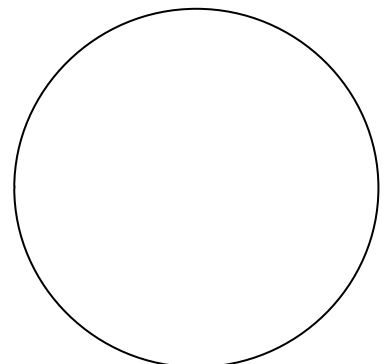


Revelation 14

Olivet Discourse Matthew 24 & 25

5th Seal	6th Seal
Dragon Attack	Cosmic Disturbances
Revelation 6 & 12	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:8-28	Matthew 24:28-31
Daniel 7:21, 25 Daniel 12:11	

1st Seal Anti-Christ	2nd Seal War	3rd Seal Famine	4th Seal Death
Revelation 6 Revelation 13	Revelation 6	Revelation 6	Revelation 6
Matthew 24:4-5	Matthew 24:6-7	Matthew 24:7	Matthew 24:7-8



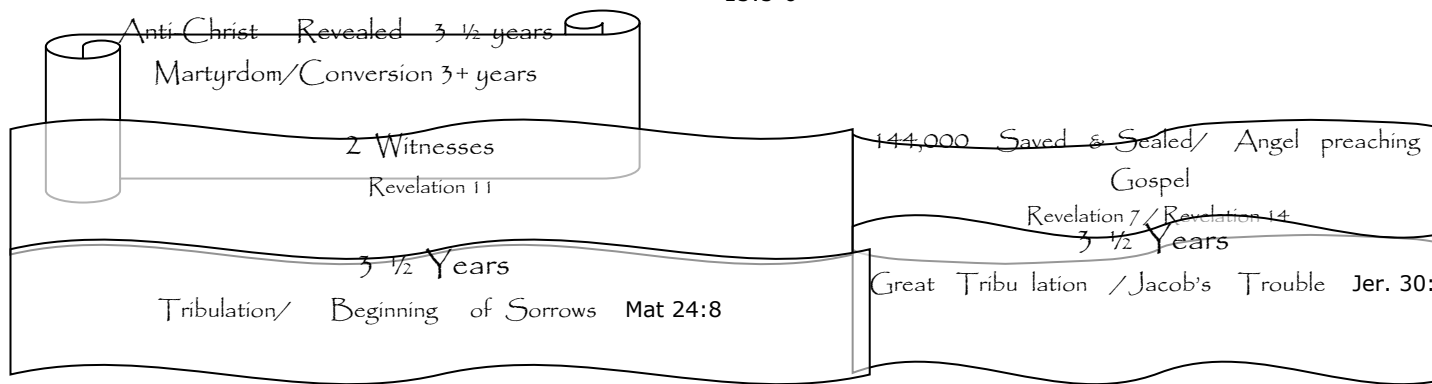
Anti Christ Disguised 3 1/2 years
Embraced as "Messiah" claiming to bring peace

Dan. 7:8 and Dan.9			
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Abomination
Of
Desolation

Dan. 11:31-36,
9:27, 12:1

Mat. 24:15
Rev. 12:7-9
13:5-6



I. The Lamb and the First Fruits

- **Timeline:** Just before the 1000 year literal reign of Christ from/in Jerusalem!

Revelation 14:6-20 } Christ and his world armies are *moving toward Jerusalem/Armageddon*
 20 } He preaches the Everlasting Gospel
 4. Jesus comes in the clouds and separates His people from Christ-Rejecters
 Revelation 14:1-5 } Jesus does business with His enemies; comes back to Jerusalem covered in
 5 } [Isaiah 63]
 in } He is seen with the redeemed including the 144,000 sealed and saved
 on } on Mount Zion; i.e. the Temple Mount on Earth as the Millennium begins

IMPORTANT: Revelation 14:6-20 details what took place to bring us to Revelation 14:1-5

- Jesus is on earth to **possess**, not simply claim, what is rightfully His; the Earth and a people called by His Name:

Psalms 2: 5 ...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.**"

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.

- **"I looked...":** Phrase used **10 times** by John; each time before a **great event**

- **John sees Jesus as the “Lamb”**; first time since Chapter 7:

Revelation 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain...

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, *standing before the throne and before the Lamb*, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

- **Lamb standing on Mt. Zion [Israel]:** Jesus on the *Temple Mount on Earth* with **144,000 Jewish men sealed with Jesus’ Father’s Name on their foreheads**

Revelation 7:2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have **sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads**.” ⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed

Revelation 9:3 ...out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, *but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads*.

- Kept from **Antichrist**:
 - a) 144,000 kept Physically
 - b) All believers kept Spiritually:

1 John 5:18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the *wicked one does not touch him*.

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.

- John not only *sees an earthly vision* of the Lamb on Mt. Zion w/ 144,000, but **hears heavenly sounds**:
 1. God speaks from Heaven
 2. Harpist play in Heaven

NOTE: Close relation between the established Earthly Kingdom and the Heavenly Kingdom

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**.

- **John hears:**

- a) *Music from Heaven before the Heavenly Throne*
- b) *Singers on Earth before the Earthly Throne*

} Praising God with a New Song to the **Redeemer** and **Creator**

- **New Song: Only 144,000** could learn [lit. experientially understand] the song; i.e. a song *unique to their experience on earth during the Tribulation*
- **"New Songs"** in the Word of God: Psalms 33:3, 40:3, 96:1, 98:1, 144:9, 149:1, Isaiah 42:10, Revelation 5:19 and 14:3

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**.

144,000

They are Virgins:

- **They were Pure**

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For *they shall see God*.

- **"Abnormal times demanded an abnormal state"** [JVM]
- **Caring** for children in the Great Tribulation will be difficult to say the least:

Matthew 24:19 ...woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! [cf. Jeremiah 16:1]

- **A Focus on the Lord alone:**

1 Corinthians 7:7 ...I wish that *all men were even as I myself*. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that. 8 But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; 9 but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For *it is better to marry than to burn with passion*...**32** But I want you to be without care. **He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.**

- **Some are born with the gift of singleness/chastity:**

Matthew 19:12 ...there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have **made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake**. *He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.*"

- **Religions forbidding people to marry are Satanic:**

1 Timothy 4:1 ...the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and **doctrines of demons**, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 **forbidding to marry**, and commanding to *abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by*

those who believe and know the truth.

They Follow Jesus Wherever He Goes:

- **They were Available:**

1 Samuel 3:10 Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "*Speak, for Your servant hears.*"

Luke 9:58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the *Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.*"

Luke 9:23 Then He said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but *whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.*

- **They were Sold-Out to Jesus:**

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish it— ²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? ³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. ³³ So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

They are the Redeemed:

- **They were Thankful to be Changed:**

- Bought/Brought back into right relation with God through the Work of Jesus on the Cross as demonstrated by his Resurrection:

#1 of the Two Irrefutable Reasons the world has NO excuse; the Resurrection

Luke 16:27 "Then [the rich man in Hades] said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, ***neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.***'"

They are the First-Fruits of Israel as per God's Plan

- **These were/are the Apple of God's Eye:**

Zechariah 2:8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the ***apple of His eye.***

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined **For your people and for your holy city**, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

- **First Fruit:** That is, the first of many to come:

1 Corinthians 15:22 ...as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.** ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father

Romans 11:15 For if their [Jews] being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, *what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?* ¹⁶ For if the **firstfruit** *is* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*; and if the root *is* holy, so *are* the branches.

- **First-Fruit Chronology:** Mid-Tribulation after Two Witnesses killed/resurrect just after the Abomination of Desolation as the Jews realize they have been deceived:

Revelation 11:11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they[e] heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the **rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

They Have NO Deceit and Without Fault before the throne

- They were **Truth Speakers:**

James 3:2 ...we all stumble in many things. If anyone *does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man*, able also to bridle the whole body.

1 Peter 2:22 "[Jesus] committed no sin, *Nor was deceit found in His mouth*"

1 Thessalonians 3:11 Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, 13 so *that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.*

- **144,000 Prepared** beforehand:

Luke 1:15 ... [John the Baptist] will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, *even from his mother's womb.*

Galatians 1:15 ... it pleased God, who separated me [Paul] *from my mother's womb* and called me through His grace...

II. First Angel: Grace Proclaimed; the Everlasting Gospel

- **1st of 6 Angels** in this chapter
- Details of what took place before vv 1-5

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—

- “Last Call” to **repentance** to individuals and the world

Matthew 26:48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” ⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. ⁵⁰ But **Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?”** Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

Jeremiah 51:45 *“My people, go out of the midst of her! And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of the LORD.*

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, *“Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues”.*

- **Everlasting Gospel; i.e. The Only Gospel...***

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But *even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.* ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, *if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.*

*** See Addendum: Everlasting Gospel**

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.”**

- Angel preaching the Everlasting Gospel to Earth Dwellers; One last opportunity!

1. **Fear God:** Beginning of **Wisdom**
2. **Give Glory to God : Humility**

- Judgment **HAS come** [it is here] **from God**; Worship Him Who **made...**

#2 of the Two Irrefutable Reasons the world has NO excuse; Creation

- Worship the Creator: Maker of Heaven and earth, sea and springs of water...[Now coveted after turning to blood]

This angel’s proclamation is a direct repudiation/contradiction to the “theory” of evolution the world has embraced through the deception of those who know better:

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for **God has shown it to them.** ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things

that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who ***deceives the whole world***; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

1. False-Resurrection
2. Evolution

Exodus 20:11 For in six days **the LORD made the heavens and the earth**, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

- **Paul's Gospel Message to Gentiles:** 1) Creation-----2) Scripture:

Acts 14:14 ...you should turn from these useless things to the living **God, who made** the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, ¹⁶ who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." [C.f. Acts 17:22-30]

- **Everlasting Gospel Commission:** Genesis to Revelation reveals God of Loving-Kindness drawing man to Himself!

1. Old Testament: Men and **Angels**

Hebrews 2:1 ...we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ² For if the *word spoken through angels proved steadfast*, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation...

2. New Testament: Holy Spirit working through the **Church**

1 Peter 1:12 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have *preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven*—things which angels desire to look into. [Note the Spirit working in a new way; i.e. *Dispensation*]

3. Tribulation Period:

- a) **2 Witnesses:** Beginning 3 ½ years of Tribulation
- b) **144,000:** Last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation
- c) **Angel preaching the Everlasting Gospel:** End of last 3 ½ years

NOTE: *The ratio of the 144,000 Witnesses to World Population nearing the end of the Great Tribulation would be about 1 Witness to every 10,000 people; thus the Angel preaching the Everlasting Gospel is introduced*

III. Angel Two: Doom [Destruction] Pronounced on Babylon;
Literal Rebuilt City and Satanically Charged Religious/Economic World

System

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.**"

- **Time is up:**

Psalms 37:35 I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.³⁶ Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found. ³⁷ Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For *the future of that man is peace.* ³⁸ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off. **39 But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;** He is their strength in the time of trouble.⁴⁰ And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.

- **2nd Angel following behind the first Pronouncement: "Babylon is fallen"**
- **Babylon is fallen:** God's sure prophetic Word speaks as if it has already happened [see Revelation 18 for actual fall]
- Humanistic/Super humanistic Satanic World System started by Nimrod succeeded by Nebuchadnezzar, Balthazar, **Saddam Hussein** and eventually...
- **United Nations in Iraq**...literally

U.N. Prepares to Debate Whether 'Mother Earth' Deserves Human Rights Status *By Jonathan Wachtel* Published April 18, 2011 | **FoxNews.com**

United Nations diplomats on Wednesday will set aside pressing issues of international peace and security to devote an entire day debating the rights of "Mother Earth." A bloc of mostly socialist governments led by Bolivia have put the issue on the General Assembly agenda to discuss the creation of a U.N. treaty that would grant the same rights found in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to Mother Nature. Treaty supporters want the establishment of legal systems to maintain balance between human rights and what they perceive as the inalienable rights of other members of the Earth community -- plants, animals, and terrain. Communities and environmental activists would be given more legal power to monitor and control industries and development to ensure harmony between humans and nature. Though the United States and other Western governments are supportive of sustainable development, some see the upcoming event, "Harmony with Nature," as political grandstanding -- an attempt to blame environmental degradation and climate change on capitalism.

- **Babylon** [False Religious/Economic System] **causes the world to stumble :**

Jeremiah 51:7 Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD's hand, That **made all the earth drunk.** The nations drank her wine; Therefore the nations are deranged.

Revelation 17:1b ... I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were **made drunk with the wine of her fornication.**"

Mark 9:42 "But whoever **causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble,** it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.

Matthew 18:7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but **woe to that man by whom the offense comes!**

- Babylon Restored and Destroyed...**Never to rise again:**

Revelation 18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

- **Babylon:** Impressive; everything you are trusting in will fail apart from Jesus Christ

Matthew 24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, **not one stone shall be left here upon another**, that shall not be thrown down." 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

IV. Angel Three: Doom [Hell] Pronounced on Idolaters

- Answers the question *"Don't all religions basically teach the same thing?"*
- ALL False-Religion is Idolatry; i.e. the Worship of that which is not God and ends in **damnation**

2 Corinthians 11:4 ...if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

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.**

- **3rd Angel's Pronouncement in the train:** " Hellfire and Brimstone" for worshipping the Beast and his image [created by man] demonstrated by receiving his Mark on their forehead or hand

1. **Angel 1:** Everlasting Gospel; Last Call
2. **Angel 2:** Babylon is fallen
3. **Angel 3:** Submitting to Antichrist [Mark] equals eternal Hell which today is rejected by:

- a) **Intellectuals:** Salvation is not an Intellectual Pursuit
- b) **Cultists:** JW's, Mormons, SDA [Good for membership, not for eternity]

- Anyone **who receives the mark will Drink the Wine of the Wrath of God:**

1 Hell **Strength:** No longer tempered by Gods **Grace** and **Mercy**
2 **of His Indignation** [righteous anger] Jesus drank for us!

Isaiah 53:10 But the **LORD was pleased To crush Him**, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Matthew 26:39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, **let this cup pass from Me**; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

- **Jesus or Me:**

Psalms 75:8...in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain and drink down.

10b 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.**"

- Beast will be tormented **forever and ever**...and so those who receive his mark
- **"His" mark:** *One mark, one name, one number...all the same*
- **Not receiving the mark is physical death; i.e. Starvation / Martyrdom**

Revelation 13:16 He [antichrist] causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that **no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark** or the **name of the beast**, or the number of his name.

- **Receiving the mark is eternal death; i.e. Hell for those who take the mark**

1. **Tormented with fire and brimstone** in the presence of:

- a) God's Holy Angels!
- b) The Lamb: Jesus

Does not say visible to 24 Elders
Representatives of the Redeemed; i.e. us

2. **Smoke of their torment rises forever...and ever**
3. **No rest** day or night [no annihilation]**

- *Jesus taught his disciples that their unrepentant persecutors would be dealt with...**eternally**:*

Luke 12:3 Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.⁴ "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵But I will show you whom you should fear: *Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!* [C.f. Psalm 18]

Matter and Energy can change form but neither can be eradicated. Soul/Spirit i.e. the

"image of God" in man cannot be destroyed... they will exist forever...somewhere. [Morris]

**** See Addendum: *Eternal Hell***

- **Interval of Encouragement** to persecuted Tribulation Believers : VV. 12-14 and the last 3 angels:

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

- **"Here is"** the patience of the saints: **Witnesses of Patience Fulfilled**

1. Gospel promises from God: Victory
2. Judgment by God: As Prophesied
3. Ungodly separated from God/God's People

Matthew 24:13 But he who **endures** to the end shall be saved.

Luke 21:19 By your **patience** possess your souls.

- **Endurance and Patience:** Proves... does not **Save**

Ephesians 2:8...by grace you have been saved through faith, and that *not of yourselves; it is* the gift of God...

Titus 3:4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ *not by works of righteousness which we have done*, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior...

- Here are those who **Keep the commandments/Have faith in Jesus**; two sides of the same coin:

John 14:21 He who **has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me**. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

John 6:28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"
²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.**"

1 John 5:3 For this is the **love of God, that we keep His commandments**. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ **Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

1 Peter 1:14 [Act] as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "*Be holy, for I am holy.*"

- **What Commandments are kept in Revelation 14:12?**

Matthew 19:16 ...one came and said to [Jesus], "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I

may have eternal life?" 17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

- Love your neighbor as yourself is **NOT one of the Ten Commandments:**

Leviticus 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

- Ten commandments are fulfilled in the **Royal** Law

Mark 12:30 ...you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Romans 13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

James 2:8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well

- Jesus is **Substance** [Reality] of the **Shadow**. The **Fulfillment** of the **Type**.

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶ So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, ¹⁷ which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in *false* humility...

Hebrews 10:1 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect...⁸ *Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), ⁹then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

The Ceremonial Law melts in the Light of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Our power and strength over tribulations we are going through come by resting in the finished work of Jesus Christ living and loving through us,
not by attempting to fulfill the law!

- **Grace: Restores** and **Completes**
- **Legalism: Reveals** and **Competes**

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."

- **"Write...":** John commanded to write [1:11,19, 14:13, 19:9, 21:5 and the 7 Letters to the Churches]
- **"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord": 2nd of 7 Beatitudes in Revelation** [1:3, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14]
- **Blessed are those who die henceforth;** i.e. most difficult part of the Great Tribulation:

Matthew 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² **Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven,** for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

- ***Rest for the Godly***

2 Thessalonians 1:6 ... since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ and to **give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- ***God will deal with those who persecute His kids and reject His Son:***

Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, **"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,"** says the Lord.

Hebrews 10:30 For we know Him who said, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*"—says the Lord. ...³⁵ Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:³⁷ "*For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.*"

- ***Trials are not forever:***

1 Peter 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ...

Revelation 6:9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"** ¹¹ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they *were*, was completed.

"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."**

- 1st of 2 Times the **Spirit speaks directly** (apart from the 7 Churches)

Revelation 22:17 ...the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires let him take the water of life freely.

- **Works follow them [us]...Treasure in Heaven for good works?**

Matthew 6:19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal...

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that **your labor is not in vain** in the Lord.

Matthew 25:21 His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were **faithful over a few things**, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

1 Corinthians 3:8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward **according to his own labor**.

1 Corinthians 3:14 If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

- **Millennial Rewards:**

Luke 19:17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were **faithful** in a very **little**, have authority over **ten cities**.'

V. Harvest of the Godly: Horizontal Rapture to the Kingdom

Matthew 24:30 Then the sign of the **Son of Man will appear in heaven**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **24:31** And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will **gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other**.

- Godly are swept off to Jerusalem to wait for Jesus to "do business" with His enemies

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**.

- **Son of Man** : Term used by Jesus of Himself most frequently:
- Jesus is seen as **"He is and always will be"** ...the **Glorified Son of Man** [Rev 1:13]
- **Jesus** will come back with a **Crown** to **Reign** and a **Sickle** to **Reap**

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.

- **Angel #4** comes out of the **Earthly Temple** [contrast w/v.17]
- **Angel cries with a loud voice:** lit. "Pleading" [not commanding] Jesus to **REAP** the "harvest of the earth" i.e. "Get out guys out of here!"

¹⁷ Then **another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven**, he also having a sharp sickle.

- **Angel #5** comes out of the **Temple in Heaven**: Another sickle to reap the righteous!

Matthew 24:31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will **gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

VI. Harvest of the Ungodly: Battle of Armageddon

Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be **gathered before Him**, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats.

- **The ungodly will be called together for the Supper of God**

Revelation 19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the **supper of the great God...** [Contrast with the Wedding Supper of the Lamb]

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.**

- #6 Angel comes out from the Altar on Earth as did Angel #4; intermingling of Heaven and Earth
- **Power over fire:** Elijah's co-worker?
- Angel #6 calls to #5 [sharp sickle]: "**Reap the Harvest for it is ripe**"

Romans 2:5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶who "will render to each one according to his deeds": ⁷eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath...

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.

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

- **180 Miles Long:** Blood up to the Horses Bridle: **Literal**
- **Trampled outside the city;** i.e. outside Jerusalem: This is Armageddon...

Revelation 16:16 ...they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Isaiah 63:1 [The 144,000 and the rest of the redeemed on Mt. Zion at Jesus Second Coming say...]Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This *One who is* glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— " I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." ² Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³ " **I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.** ⁴ **For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.** ⁵ I looked, but *there was* no one to help, And I wondered That *there was* no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; And My own fury, it sustained Me. ⁶ I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And brought down their strength to the earth." [C.f. Joel 3:2-16, Revelation 19:11, Revelation 19:17, Joel 3:9, Thessalonians 2:8]

Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" [Revelation 19:9]

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1. Sin is an awful thing 2. Sin is in the world 3.You and I are sinners 4.You and I merit judgment [JVM]

* Eternal Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1 ...I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that *Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.*

2 Corinthians 4:4 ...whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the *light of the gospel of the glory of Christ*, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Ephesians 1:13 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, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 6:15 ...having shod your feet with the preparation of the *gospel of peace*

Mark 1:4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a *baptism of repentance* for the remission of sins.

1 Peter 4:17...the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not *obey the gospel of God?*

Romans 15:19 ...I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. 20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, 21 but as it is written: "To whom He was not announced, *they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand.*"

Acts 20:24 ...none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to *the gospel of the grace of God.*

**Eternal Hell

John 5:28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to *the resurrection of condemnation.*

Revelation 19:20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were *cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

Revelation 20: 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the Devil and Satan*, and bound him for a thousand years; ...**7** Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison...**10** The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be *tormented day and night forever and ever...***12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into *the lake of fire.*

Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which *burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*"

Isaiah 66:23 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD. 24 " And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, *And their fire is not quenched.* They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

2 Thessalonians 1:9 These shall be punished with *everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord* and from the glory of His power...

Matthew 25:33 ...He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:...' **45** Then He will answer them [goats/Christ rejecters], saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' **46** And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."