

"THE PANORAMIC VIEW OF REVELATION"

Revelation 14: 8 – 11

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made the nations drink the wine of the wrath of her fornication (v. 8). And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand (v. 9). The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture [in full strength] into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb (v. 10). And the smoke of their torment ascended up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day and night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name (v. 11).

REVIEW/INTRODUCTION

In our last teaching of Revelation, we discovered that chapter 14 brings us a little bit closer to the final warning of the unsaved to repent and turn from their wicked ways. We also talked about how God begin to handle things from a different perspective by intervening through grace and judgment to fulfill His covenant promise. As stated in chapters **12 – 14**, John introduced us to a series of trumpet and vial judgments, that places chapter **12 – 14** within the middle of the seventh trumpet and the seventh vial.

We also, talk about chapters **12**, which could easily represent a new beginning in which the devil fought against the women **[Israel]** to prevent her from giving birth to Christ **[the head of the Church]**. Therefore, chapter **12 – 14** reveal and depicts the principle agents of evil and the redeemed agents of good.

However, the proclaiming of the Everlasting Gospel by one of two angels in the context of this chapter reveals that the message of salvation will no longer be herald by mankind (**Reader, Revelation 14: 6 – 7**). It is believed by some that the angelic messenger flying through heaven is symbolic of an earthly man, but the scripture says, that the angel was given the charge to preach to them that dwell on the earth.

So, verses 6 – 7

INTRODUCE US TO THE FINAL PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

- A.** The verses depict an angelic messenger flying from heaven to the earth, to proclaim “**the everlasting gospel.**” It is without doubt that the message is a message of salvation to the unsaved prior to the establishment of the millennial reign of Christ.
- B.** The Gospel message though spoken in different ways, still means the same, and that is to “**give glory to God, and to worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water.**”

The Gospel is the “***power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth***” (**Romans. 1:16**).

It is a simple message (**Reader, Romans 10: 8 – 10**),

It is an available message (**Reader, Romans 10: 13**),

It is a message of love (**Reader, John 3: 16**), and

It is a message of judgment (**Reader, John 3: 17 – 18**).

Yet, it is a message that has been, is, and will be rejected by sinners until the end of time! This message has been preached for over 2,000 years. It has been ignored by both the rich and the poor, the young and old, and it is still being ignored today. Sadly, it will be ignored during the dark days of the tribulation. Many people will be saved and many lost. And, even though the world will see the death of the tribulation saints, that are martyred for their failure to worship the Beast. The world will turn a deaf ear to all human efforts to bring them to Jesus. In a final effort to reach them, God will entrust the Gospel to an angel. He will preach the message to a universal audience. He will call all people, everywhere, to flee the wrath to come. He will invite all people to come to Jesus for salvation. **He will call them to refuse the Antichrist and to embrace the true Christ.**

- C.** It will be a powerful proclamation by a powerful preacher. But, the world will remain defiant in their rejection of the Gospel! The salvation offered through the blood of Jesus is humanity’s only hope. If Jesus is rejected, “**there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin**”, **Heb. 10:26**.

So, verse 8,

INTRODUCE US TO THE FATAL PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

A. And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made the nations drink the wine of the wrath of her fornication

(v.8). The second angel appears and pronounces God's final judgment on Babylon. You may notice that the angel says "**is fallen**" twice. This indicates that Babylon's judgment is absolutely certain! Babylon is more than a city, Babylon is a philosophy! Babylon represents everything the world is. Babylon represents everything that stands opposed to God and His perfect will. Babylon represents a system of unbelief.

In **Genesis (Reader, Genesis 10: 8 – 10)**, we are introduced to the descendants of a man named Cush. One of his sons was named Nimrod. Nimrod founded the city of Babel, v. **10**. It was here that mankind rebelled against the Lord and attempted to build the Tower of Babel, **Gen. 11**. This tower was a place dedicated to the worship of the heavenly bodies. Babel was one of the first centers of false, idolatrous worship in this world and Nimrod was the ringleader. He is called "**a mighty hunter**" in **Gen. 10:9**. The phrase "**mighty hunter**" has been interpreted by some as "**a mighty hunter of souls**". In other words, many scholars believe that Nimrod was the father of a religious system that was designed to seduce men and turn them away from the One True God.

Thus, when they built their tower and dedicated it to the worship of idols and heavenly bodies, God intervened and confused their languages. But, that did not destroy the seeds of false religion that had been planted in the hearts of men. People left Babel and carried their false doctrines with them around the world. Babel later became Babylon. It was a city that was the capital of false religion and idolatry at the time. It represents everything in this world that stands opposed to God. In the Tribulation, it speaks of the economic and religious kingdom of the Antichrist.

B. So, in verse 8, Babylon is pictured as a harlot. She is seen seducing the foolish sinners of this world. She has lead them away from God with her lies and she is about to pay a terrible price. The judgment of God is coming upon her and her heresies and none can stay His hand of judgment. The philosophy behind all of mankind's religious heresies and rebellion against God will be destroyed. Their foundation will be shattered by the wrath of God.

So, verses 9 -11,

INTRODUCE US TO A FEARFUL PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

A. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand (v. 9). The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture [in full strength] into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb (v. 10). And the smoke of their torment ascendedth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day and night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name (v. 11).

Now the third angel appears. He preaches a message of judgment to all those who receive the mark of the Beast and who worship the Beast. This angel reveals what will happen to all those who refuse to receive the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. This angel preaches a fearful message, but it is one that we need to take note of today.

B. We are told in verse 10 that “**The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture [in full measure] into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:**”

1. What is “**The wine of the wrath of God**” – The word “wrath” translates the word “**thumos**”. It is a word that pictures “**an explosion of wrath; a sudden outburst; a passionate display of anger.**” When God’s wrath is poured out on this world, it will be a time of sudden judgment from which there will be no escape. (**Reader, Ezekiel 14: 13 – 20**), God told the Prophet Samuel that once he began judgment on the house of Eli, that he would not stop until he ended it (**1 Samuel 3: 12**).

2. What is “**Poured without mixture**” – When the wrath of God comes on this world, it will be pure and undiluted. Sinners and Satan have never experienced the undiluted fury of an offended God, but they will one day (**Hebrews 10: 31; 12: 29**).

3. What is “**The cup of His indignation**” – The word “**indignation**” translates the other New Testament word that is often translated “**wrath**”. It is the word

“orge”. The word speaks of a “**slow rising anger**”. It was used to refer to the sap rising in a tree. It is the picture of water rising behind a dam, until the pressure of the water becomes too great and the dam bursts forth. It is the image of a person holding back their anger, becoming red-faced, until they finally explode in wrath. One day the dam of God’s wrath will burst and all those who are outside of a relationship with Jesus are going to be doomed (**Reader, Numbers 11: 1**).

4. What is being “**In the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb**” – It means that the heavenly host and the Lamb of God will stand as a constant reminder to the lost sinner that they did not have to arrive at this horrible place. They would have been saved if they would have turned to Jesus Christ by faith.

INCONCLUSION

The most horrible thing of all, is that we are given a glimpse of the horrors that await the lost sinners who will be cast into the flames of Hell. **Verse 11** makes it very clear; hell, is a place of unending, unimaginable torment for the lost sinner. When they die without Jesus, they will go to Hell. Once there, they will never know one second of rest or relief. They will be in a place where they will never die. They will suffer throughout eternity as they endure the wrath of God in Hell forever (**Reader, Isaiah 66: 22 – 24**).

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