

The Final Harvest

Revelation 14; Coast Community Church; Pastor Earl Miles; 10-30-2022

A World History Pregnant with Hope

Paradise Lost: The Fall of Man (Genesis 1-3)

Conception: The Promise of a Serpent-crushing Savior (Genesis 3)

Pregnancy: The OT Preparation for the Savior (Genesis 4-Malachi 4)

Labor: The 1st Coming of Jesus and the Last Days (7 'Birth Pang' Seals) (Gospels; Revelation 1-7)

Transition: The Great Tribulation (7 'Fig Tree' Trumpets) (Revelation 8-14)

- The Man of Lawlessness (Antichrist) (2 Thessalonians 2; Revelation 13)
- The Great Apostasy (2 Thessalonians 2; Revelation 13)
- The Rapture of the Church at the End of the Tribulation (Matthew 24; Revelation 14)

Pushing: The Day of the Lord (7 Bowls) (Revelation 15-18)

Birth of Paradise 2.0: The 2nd Coming of Christ in Judgment and Establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth (Revelation 19-22)

1. A Secure Salvation (1-5): Satan and the Antichrist will not prevent the glorious salvation of those who trust in Jesus.

The Lamb (1) is Jesus. – John 1:29

The 144,000 (1) are all believers in all ages. - Revelation 7:2-4, 9

The Name on their foreheads is about belonging and character. (1) – 1 John 3:23; Revelation 3:12

Will we make it through? Our God keeps His promises!

– Romans 8:31-39

2. A Final Call to Repentance (6-13): The consummation of all things will include warning and fall and wrath.

The Gospel (6): Warning of judgment with encouragement to repent.

Babylon (8): The ungodly world system (society).

Worshippers of the Beast (9): Those whose allegiance is to the anti-Christ world system (government, religion and society) as evidenced by thinking or trust (foreheads) and practice or lifestyle (right hands) as well as by other outward manifestations.

Are we ready? Our God is incredibly merciful!

– Ezekiel 18:23, 30-32; 33:10-11

3. *Two Gatherings in the End (14-20): The end will include a gathering of believers for gracious blessing and a gathering of unbelievers for just judgment.*

This is the separation of believers from unbelievers at the return of Christ.

What are we? Our God will see that justice is done!

– Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Application

1. Persevere: keep trusting and loving. – Revelation 14:12

Persevere in the face of hard experiences and hard truths. I can have a reasonable belief in electricity without understanding it all.

2. Don't walk away from Jesus: keep trusting. – Romans 5:6-11

The wrath of man/Satan is nothing compared to the wrath of God. Losing something is different than losing everything.

3. Don't take your own revenge: keep loving. – Romans 12:17-21

We can't be evil and overcome evil. You can't throw fuel on a fire and put out the fire.

Conclusion

Revelation 14 highlights what we deserve but also the hope we have in Jesus:

We have sinned and deserve a just punishment.

Jesus is Lord and an able and willing Savior for us.