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Revelation 14:6-20

The Three Angels

Vs6: another angel was floating in midair, pronouncing an everlasting gospel. The age of grace has passed, and the angel is telling people that judgment is about to occur. God is going to judge the world, set up His kingdom on His terms, and rule forever after, whether we like it or not. No matter what the UN or the world leaders do today to bring peace to the mideast, it doesn't matter. God's Kingdom is coming whether people like it or not.

Mat24:14. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Vs7: FEAR GOD. And give HIM His glory. He is not "the old man upstairs" or anything else like that. You will tremble when you are before Him, His power is so great. Fear has its place. When your kids fear you, they know you mean business. We should fear God, because He means business. By the laws of physics as we know them today, we should disintegrate to dust, but God holds us together somehow.

Vs8: Babylon exists today; our soldiers are there right now. This verse says Babylon has fallen. Is this the same Babylon of today? A lot of scholars believe it is. Turn to Rev 11:8—"And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." This is Jerusalem. Sometimes in scripture, a current modern day city has the same attributes as an ancient city. Could the Babylon in Rev 14:8 be a different city with the same attributes as the old ancient Babylon? Or is it referring to the original city? Rev 14:9-10: If anyone receives one of the 3 marks of the beast, the same will be severely punished and tortured by God, no holds barred, for all eternity, in front of the Lamb and the angels. During the tribulation period, Christians will be outcasts. You won't have a job, you can't go to Kroger's or Wal-Mart, you will be killed.

Vs11: Those who receive the mark of the beast will be tortured forever and ever, period.

Vs12: Regarding the faithful, who are living in caves and in the woods, starving, can't feed their families, asking "God, how long is this going to last?"

Vs13: Those that die during the tribulation and forward in time, are the most blessed, because these are the times that it is hardest to be a Christian, the time it requires the most faith to be a Christian with the whole world persecuting them and killing them and not allowing them to work, eat, have a home, get medical care, etc. The angels will be flying through the air telling and warning everyone about this, about the judgments that are coming on the earth for the last 3 years, the Great Judgments of God.

Vs14: Here's an image of Christ.

Vs15: Changing from the throne of Heaven and go to the Temple of Heaven. It's time to reap the harvest of the Earth with the sickle. See our headlines today in Joel 3 written in 800 B.C.:

- Joel 3: 1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,
- 2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.
- 3 And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.
- 4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;
- 5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things: (you robbed my land)
- 6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border.
- 7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompence upon your own head: (God has pulled Jews back into their land 1948)
- 8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*. (you nations that persecuted my people and land, I will give you back what you did to them)
- 9 ¶ Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:
- 10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong. (the nations are getting massive armaments in the mideast valley today, now)
- 11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen (nation), and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. (God says "go ahead and bring your war to my valley")
- 12 Let the heathen(nations) be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen(nations) round about.
- 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great. (it's all going to end right there in the mideast valley)
- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.
- 15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.
- 16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.
- Rev14:18: This angel has power over fire. What are these grapes? They are the evil and wickedness of mankind. God will not let mankind go any further. He will destroy all mankind, except His people.
- Vs19-20: All the nations surrounding Israel and trying to annihilate Israel, God will come do battle Himself. The blood from the dead will be a river of blood, a horse bridle high and 200 miles long. This is literal. God is going to massacre the surrounding nations of Israel.