

The Revelation of God

Part 3

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Well, hello once again everyone, it's October the 15th of 2024 and this is Part 3 of the current Revelation of God series. In this series we've begun to see a progressive revelation of God once that undeniable sequence begins to take place.

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We read of many and varied events that are spoken of throughout the bible. And since Yehovah is who He is, they are going to happen and they are going to be sequential when they begin to occur. It's like Yehovah has been to the movie and has written us a synopsis and shown us the trailer.

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I've often looked at Revelation 17:17 and couldn't help but marvel at Yehovah's capacity to say it, and bring it about; a testament to the veracity of His word. Revelation 17:17 is interesting.

¹⁷For (the) God (That's the Father) has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast,

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So, God is directly involved in bringing about this beast power and also working with the hearts of people to, you know, give their support to this entity, because that end time entity will be used as part of God's purpose. Notice:

until the words of God are fulfilled.

The veracity of God's word is something, that perhaps, is underestimated.

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I recently listened to a fellow on line, who purports to be some kind of a Bible scholar, and he was talking about how these passages or those passages of scripture were simply not written by Paul, implying of course, they were not inspired passages of scripture, they were possibly written by somebody else and on and on he went. And I thought, huh, that doesn't seem to be the spirit of God moving that person to come to such conclusions.

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You know, looking at Revelation 17:17, it is hard not to think, well, maybe we are more puppets on a stage than we like to think. In the last year or so, this seems to have been ongoing, this understanding given to us with regards to the three harvests of mankind to spirit life. And spirit life has been the purpose for mankind since his creation. In the past, these respective points of time have been hidden from our understanding, or recognition by not differentiating them. But once seen, I don't think it's possible to un-see them.

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In the last message, and covering II Thessalonians 2, we saw that the first harvest to spirit was not going to happen until a powerful deceiving personality, actually claiming to be God, comes on the scene of the world's stage. And we looked at that and walked through that in some detail. If you want to go there and take a refresher on that, please listen to the previous message about that, Part 2 and you will be able to see that.

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The resurrection to spirit Paul is referencing was what he had earlier spoken of in I Thessalonians 4:13 -17. So, let's read that again just so we know exactly what point in time we are talking about. I Thessalonians 4:13:

¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so (the) God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

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So, when the Father returns, those who are sleeping in Jesus have already been resurrected and they will come back with Him. Speaking of the methodology, it says:

¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

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So, he is talking about the logistics of this.

¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.

And of course, nobody is going to notice that.

And the dead in Christ will rise first.

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You can imagine the news broadcasts of the day, unless they try and stifle the whole thing, the whole world will be dumbfounded, it's such an event.

¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

The dead rise first, those who are alive are changed, and they meet Christ in the air.

And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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We need to know this here, that it is Christ himself who comes to this first resurrection event. The dead in Christ; and let's qualify that a little bit, Abel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and so on, as well as those who are yet alive at this time, will be changed to spirit. This is the lead wave, if I might call it that, of humans changed to spirit, the fellow brothers of Christ.

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He will no longer be the only child, and since He alone resurrects them and takes them to His Father, this is special. And it happens some years before the second great harvest. These folks are seen in Revelation 14; Revelation 14, verses 1 – 5.

¹ ... *standing (with Christ) on Mount Zion,*

In heaven; they alone can learn a certain song and it pictures them having been redeemed from the earth.

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Harvested to spirit, the first such group we come across. There is nothing in this text to indicate these folks face the beast power. Yet, if we look at the lives of some of these, surely, they were tested, and severely so in some cases. Yehovah has to know our hearts, and will bring about circumstances in our lives that He might know them.

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It is important to note in Thessalonians here, Christ alone does this harvest. Because, when it comes to the wheat harvest, it is dramatically different than those resurrected that we see here. So, let's take a look at Revelation 14 and just walk through it again, probably for the millionth time, for some of you.

¹ *Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb (Christ) standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.*

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And it's interesting, in Revelation 2 and 3, in the message to the ekklesia, there's only one group that it says anything about that to. And we need to be cognizant about these things and start to join some of the dots. If we notice Revelation 3:12.

¹²*He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.*

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So, Christ is going to write the name of His Father on the foreheads of these people That are part of this resurrection. It says so in verse 2. They're special.

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(Back to Revelation 14)

²And 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. ³They sang as it were a new song before the throne, (before God) 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.

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So, they had been changed from human, to spirit beings.

⁴These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

A very close relationship.

These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

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So, here we have a group of people, who indeed are, firstfruits of God and they are a very select group, and when Christ came to gather them, He did that by Himself. This is a very special group of people. If we go on and think about this, we need to consider at least, that the wheat harvest is dramatically different.

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For those that are interested to see, is there a reference to a harvest during the Days of Unleavened Bread? And we know that Christ was resurrected on wave sheaf Sunday, during the Days of Unleavened Bread, but not on its first holyday. We might want to consider, and do some noodling on that, if we go to Exodus 13, verse 6. I think this is something that's very, very interesting.

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And you may conclude differently, but I think it bears a consideration. Christ was raised on the wave sheaf Sunday, and there is a holyday that follows that, that we've all kept for years, that falls within the Days of Unleavened Bread, and the Days of Unleavened Bread are a haq, a harvest festival. Notice Exodus 13:6.

⁶Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a (Haq, a harvest) feast to Yehovah.

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I was a bit dumbfounded when I saw that, so I wanted to see if the last day of Unleavened bread is referenced as a haq or simply as a holy convocation. That might warm up our gray matter, if we want to spend any time thinking on that.

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We are told specifically that Pentecost is the wheat harvest, and not the barley, in Exodus 34, verse 22. We're told quite specifically. It says:

²²*“And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest,*

So, Pentecost is the wheat harvest, the harvest of those raised to spirit, classified as wheat.

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And the wheat harvest is different in both time and circumstance to the earlier resurrection of the barley, which was only a hundred-forty-four thousand people, and happened years prior, before the great tribulation.

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This harvest is much larger and contains an untold number of persons. We see them specifically referenced in Revelation 15:2, which is a passage I hope we are becoming more familiar with, because it's a very key marker bed for us to understand what God is actually up to.

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Revelation 15:2

²*And I saw something like a sea of glass*

Which we know from Revelation 4 is before the throne of God.

mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

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These folks are in a different place; it is a different time; it is just before the bowl plagues themselves, are actually poured out. And they have been resurrected already. Notice in verse 3:

³*They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,*

Notice, that the one hundred and forty-four thousand sing a song that no one else can learn.

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And yet these folks are shown here, and they are differentiated here, by the fact that they sing something different. This group faced the satanically driven political religious power referenced in the scriptures. And the number of these folks are referred to as an innumerable multitude, in Revelation 7:10. Verse 9 actually.

⁹After 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,

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Saying:

¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

So, in contrast to the one-hundred and forty-four thousand, this is a group of people that are without number.

These were refined in the fire of the great tribulation. We read of that in verse 14 of Revelation 7.

¹⁴And I said to him, "Sir, you know (who these guys are)." So, he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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We can actually read of their harvest, it is not hidden from us, in Matthew 24. And noticing the difference between that and the harvest spoken of in I Thessalonians, is very important to us in trying to understand. It is completely and totally different.

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Matthew 24, verses 29 – 31.

²⁹"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then 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.

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And notice the dramatic difference here between this and the first one.

³¹And 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.

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The angels are not involved at all in I Thessalonians 4, but they most certainly are here. This time it is not Christ alone, but rather the angels that are directly involved here. They were not used in the first harvest, but they certainly are here.

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It is important to note, that in neither the barley or the wheat harvest, there is a lake of fire situation. For that can come to help us to see the third harvest when we come across it in scripture. There is indeed a lake of fire conclusion at the time of the third harvest to spirit, where we did not see it in the first two. Both the barley harvest and the wheat harvest are considered firstfruits. Those in the third harvest, are not.

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Well, where would we go to actually look at the description of another harvest, the third harvest of mankind, to spirit life? And is there a lake of fire incident recorded in it? Let's go to Matthew 25, verses 31 – 46.

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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before Him,

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You notice how dramatically different that is from the setting of the wheat harvest, when Christ returns and they gather those that have died in the tribulation and take them. This is a completely different dynamic.

³²All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

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Again, we see it's Christ that's involved, there is no mention of angels here; it is a different harvest entirely, and it is at a different time. It is down the road from the previous two harvests that are referenced in the places we've looked at recently.

³³And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

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These are physical people who will be sorted.

³⁴Then 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:

Well, what kingdom is that? The kingdom of God; spirit life existence.

³⁵for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

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These people were living God's way; it's important to consider that.

³⁶I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' ³⁷"Then the righteous

Those who did live God's way.

will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

They were just doing what they knew to do.

³⁸When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

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So, the righteous here are pictured as Christ's brethren, and they just went about their business living God's way and doing life like God told them to do.

⁴¹"Then He will also say to those on the left hand,

The ones, who by their actions, had shown that they would not live God's way. They too had been given a choice, but the outcome is remarkably different.

'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

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There is a lake of fire incident here, and we did not see that in either of the two resurrections to spirit life, either the barley or the wheat, it's not there. Again:

⁴²for I was hungry and you gave Me no food;

These people had made a choice to live the other way.

I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

They chose to live a way different than the righteousness of God.

⁴⁴"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Master, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

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⁴⁵Then He will answer them, 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.'

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And we know that, of course, Christ lives in each of us individually if we are part of the ekklesia.

⁴⁶And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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So, we do, very clearly, see a separation here. This situation and its timing, is further down the road of eternity than the first two. We might expect that, given that Matthew 24 and 25 is a continuous text, and it references all three harvests to spirit, if we have eyes to see.

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If we seek to understand when we read about a resurrection to spirit, we need to parse which one is being referenced, for this is not something that has been done in the past, I certainly didn't. There is also something else to consider, and we do so by returning to a passage that was the mainstay of Church of God theology for decades, yet something that I've heard very little of for a very long time.

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It was so abused, and proven to be incorrect, that it seems it's just not touched with a barge pole, and yet it is time for me to talk about it. We need to reconsider this passage. Matthew 24, verses 3 – 14.

³Now 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,

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That's to gather the barley initially, there is more coming, but we've covered that. And also, the

... end of the age?"

What's that all about

⁴And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

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Job one, for all of us, should be don't be deceived. And I'm reminded of the fellow who was saying the Bible isn't believable. Where would you get your truth from if it wasn't?

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So, don't be deceived.

⁵For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

There will be lots of false prophets; always a thing.

⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of sorrows.

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The social organizer in this world of Satan's is war. The social organizer in the time when God is ruling will be peace and love.

⁹"Then they will deliver you

He was speaking to His apostles.

up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

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Those who follow a different spirit naturally hate the ones who would be righteous.

¹⁰And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Well, what spirit does all the hate come from?

¹¹Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

So, there is these repeated warnings, from Christ, about false Christs. That's a thing, and it just continues to intensify.

¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

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Society will affect us, we have to be constant.

¹³But he who endures to the end

Knows what we are called to, has the kingdom of God ruling in us, in the ekklesia.

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shall be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

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And we can all remember how that was trumpeted all around the world. We have a marker here, that the end of the age will not become a thing until the gospel of the kingdom of God goes to the whole world. The logical question might be to ask, well, who is going to do that? HWA (Herbert W. Armstrong) thought it was his task, for any that can remember.

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That message was trumpeted around the world. What Gospel was preached, and did it actually bring about the end of the world? And the answer was, it absolutely did not. Will a human entity be entrusted with such a task, such that it would be done right and to all? Does that make sense? I believe we have been given an answer to that in front of our eyes, at least for me, but unrecognized.

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In Revelation 3:10; in Revelation 3:10 we have a promise from Christ. Heaven and earth will pass away, but Christ's words won't pass away. Where it says:

¹⁰*Because*

Speaking to the Philadelphian ekklesians.

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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We have a promise from Christ himself that those who persevere, and you can see in verse 12, it's regarding he who overcomes. Perseveres and overcomes will be kept from the hour of trial to come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth. Do we believe that? Is Christ a person or personage, as the case may be, of His word or not? Will He keep that promise, and do we have some evidence of that?

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These ekklesia, it would seem, have been tested, God knows their heart, and they are rewarded for it. They are kept from the trial, while others of the other two harvests are not. They are tested, the other two harvests, in the appearance and in the face of the beast power, to see where their allegiances actually lie.

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We read Revelation 15:2, showing that those people faced the beast, and there is another resurrection, spoken of in Revelation 20, verse 4, that also confirms to us

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a group of people who were tested by this beast power. Let's have a look at that.

⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat on them,

Revelation 20, verse 4

and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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It does not tell us here how long they remained dead. And since we have them in Revelation 15:2, before the bowl plagues, these two groups are separated by many years of time. They are the second and they are the third harvests. Where would you turn in your Bible to see the fulfillment of Christ's promise that there would be a group of people protected?

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Well, we've already read that passage in Revelation 14, verses 1 – 5. Let's just read that again because it's very important. The first harvest to spirit goes to Mount Zion, they are gathered by Christ himself, and they have their Father's name written on their foreheads. It's not there for the other parts of the ekklesia. It doesn't say that.

²And 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. ³They 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. ⁴These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

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A very close, a very intimate relationship.

These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Okay then, what happens after they have been whisked away to safety? Once we understand that is the first harvest, then the next part of the passages here make perfect sense.

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⁶*Then I saw*

Revelation 14:6

another angel flying in the midst of heaven,

What's he up to?

having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

Is this not setting the stage for a harvest? Will the angel get it wrong?

⁷*saying with a loud voice, “Fear God (the God) and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come;*

This is the judgment of the Father.

and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

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Notice that the one-hundred-forty-four thousand are already in heaven when the angel proclaims the everlasting gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue and people. Does Christ promise to protect that group of people, to spare them from the trial that will come to test those on the earth stand fulfilled in the first part of Revelation 14?

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There will be no ambiguity, there will be no doubt, human misunderstanding on the part of the ekklesia; it just won't be a thing. There is going to be an angel who will declare those things. This proclamation will occur in what kind of a world? What will the world look like when that proclamation by the angel is actually given?

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Well, let's go to, just across the page, to Revelation 13, verse 4.

⁴*So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”*

⁵*And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.*

This personality we read in I Thessalonians, who will declare he is God.

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⁷It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.

They will be tested.

And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Well, by who?

⁸All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ⁹If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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So, we see the world in which the angel will declare, “worship God.” The choice really will be quite stark and quite obvious, and I can’t help but to stop and think a little bit, this is obviously at the end of the first era of man’s existence on the earth that we understand, and do we not see the same kind of thing after the thousand years, where Satan will be released? We have no idea, or certainly not told, how the deception will occur.

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But he will be let loose and over a period of time, he will corrupt and rot the people who have lived in the kingdom of God during the thousand years when there are no resurrections. Do we not see that there is always a test and a trial? God is, you know, if these guys here at this time are going to be tested, then those guys a thousand years later, are also going to be tested. So, nobody will be able to say, well you got an easy ride.

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There is a symmetry to this. If we go to Matthew 24 again, let’s kind of carry on there. Matthew 24, and I do want to pick it up in verse 15, you know it doesn’t stop there, with this message of the Gospel, but that is a marker bed, that is going to be a specific moment in time, when that angel declares it, and the world will be about as anti-God, except for the ekklesia, as you can possibly imagine.

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Christ’s warning goes on:

¹⁵“Therefore, when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place”

This guy that is going to stand up and say that he is God. Then get out of Dodge.

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A message to those who are alive at the time.

¹⁶“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

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When that personality shows up, you know it's about to happen.

¹⁹But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹For then

And that's perfectly in harmony with II Thessalonians.

there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

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So, at the time this personality shows up, those in Judea will know that it's time to get out of Dodge. The great tribulation is about to start, however we define that, the barley has been taken away, so they are spared this tribulation. And we do know that the wheat will be refined in the fire. When that happens, we are told here that there is going to be enormous deception present. Well, what a surprise.

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²³“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible,

Their purpose is to attempt to deceive.

even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶“Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ²⁸For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

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When Christ shows up to gather the barley, everybody will know it. There is just going to be an increasing pile of deception, and during the tribulation days, even more so. People in the tribulation will be crying out to God, and there will be enough false ones around that it will be just unimaginable. You know, we are going to have to know what our Bible actually says.

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There is a warning here, as we saw, for the people of the day. Notice again, the one hundred and forty-four thousand are already spirit at this time. They have been resurrected prior to the angels work regarding the preaching of the gospel to the world. Christ's promise was kept.

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Christ also made mention of what He would be doing post-tribulation. These scriptures must be fulfilled, or the word of God is undependable, and a lie. Collectively as these events occur over time, the reality of God's plan, His Son's part in it, and ultimately the saints' part in it, will most assuredly come to pass.

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And as they fall into place, humans will have an ever-increasing understanding, of who rules and who calls the shots, and must decide to submit or not submit to Him. With those first two harvests in the rear-view mirror, what might be next in the prophesied events to occur, and what is their purpose?

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Well, how about the seven trumpet plagues? I call that bowl-light. It's always important to remember the purpose of these horrifying events is to get people to repent and acknowledge God and recognize him as sovereign. It's always the same. There is a purpose for some of the things God is going to set in motion.

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If we go to Revelation 8.

¹ When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. ³ Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. ⁶ So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

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You know, we go back into Revelation 7, the wheat has already been harvested, and the angel's message, the message is the same. You know, if we go to verses 19 and 20, they have all the trumpet plagues, but what's the point? What is the purpose? Well, how about, let's just look at Revelation 8, verses 19 – Oops, I'm in the wrong spot.

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Revelation 9, verses 19 – 20. It walks through all the trumpet plagues, but it says:

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²⁰But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

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They refused to acknowledge the supremacy of God. Even after the bowl plagues themselves, which are worse, who can say that, there is little doubt about it. Revelation 16:2.

²So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

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You know, they don't repent. This is the third harvest. In Revelation 20, verse 4, which we've looked at, some will capitulate and give God glory, and will pay an awful price. There will be people who will repent during the trumpet plagues, there will be people who repent during the bowl plagues, and these are the people who will be part of the third harvest.

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The second harvest is born of events peopled by the time the Bible refers to as the Great Tribulation. The third harvest therefore, would be born of events that follow that. The object of the trumpet plagues and the bowl plagues is to get people to repent and submit to Yehovah as their God.

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Is it reasonable to think that all the folks back home, and not part of the armies and battles we read about, would immediately stop worshipping false gods and give up their idolatry because a battle was lost? Or would time be needed to test whether they would submit to God or not?

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You know, we've condensed things into a time frame with our former thinking on some of this stuff; there is never enough time for things to happen. It's a process, that harvest doesn't stop with a battle here or there. If we go to Zechariah 14, read verses 16 – 19.

¹⁶And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem

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There is time involved there.

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shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

And so on, is it still a time of trial and test in the kingdom of God, to see whether or not we are ready for the Matthew 25 moment? We need to actually stop and think about these things, and look to the three harvests as we begin to come to understand some different things.

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The establishment of the kingdom of God had been mixed up and messed up with the onset of the thousand years. That's not allowing time for things to play out before the third harvest can be completed. It's after the completion of the third harvest and Satan's removal prior to it, that sets the stage for the thousand years. More in part 4.