



THE
REVELATION
of Jesus Christ

Chapter 14: 6 – 20

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Ch. 14:6-20

- Series of vision which is complete by itself.
- It is like a Greek drama, before a scene someone comes to the stage and announces what is going to take place in the next scene.
- Series of announcements by angels of the series of dramatic events which are about to take place.

How can we organize the chapter – we can do it around the angels

V 6 – First angel

V 8 – Second angel

V9 – Third angel

Between third and fourth angel there is the appearance of the Son of God.

V 15 – Another angel

V 17 – Another angel

V 18 – Another angel

Each of these angels come to make an announcement.

Ch. 14:6 & 7

Message of the First Angel in V 6 & 7 – Declaration of the Gospel.

- We see many preachers of the Gospel during tribulation
- In Ch. 7 God has sealed 1,44,000 Jews to preach the Gospel
- In C.11 God raised up two witnesses to preach the Gospel
- Now in Ch.14, God bypasses human instruments and goes across the heaven and calls the angel to preach the Gospel one last time.
- Gospel preaches the Gospel differently – no repentance, no forgiveness, no invitation to salvation in his message.
- He preaches worship Him who is the creator.
- Dr. Henry Morris writes in his book, *“Both lost men and the fallen angel deceived themselves by the indoctrinated evolution theory thinking that the universe is the only eternal reality and worshipped the beast. If Christ is not the creator, he can hardly be the savior or the coming king. Even after they realize Christ is real, they are still waiting to see if the beast can defeat the creator. Thus the angel says, God is the creator, fear Him!”*

Ch. 14:8

- This Gospel announcement refers it as eternal Gospel.
- Gospel is the word of all ages.
- Someone says, this is the Gospel of the Kingdom, not the Gospel of salvation. But Paul writes in Galatians said, if any man preaches another Gospel, even if the angel comes we shouldn't listen.
- Here we see the angel coming and preaching the Gospel one last time.

Second message - V 8 Destruction of Babylon: (in 17 & 18 we see in detail)

- Babylon is mentioned for the first time. It is a preliminary announcement of the final overthrow of the city or the system.
- Law of interpretation called the "*law of first mention*".
- Gen 10 & 11 – It was a city founded by a rebel whose name was Nimrod, that grew as a first gentile world power and a proud adulterous & idolatrous people.
- In Daniel we see the Jews were taken under captivity by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon.
- Isaiah 21:9 Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images...

Ch. 14:9-11

- Jeremiah says, Babylon is the land of graven images and they are mad upon their idols.
- Babylon means the literal city that is reconstructed during tribulation as a central place for the false prophets and the operations of Satan. It is a system that is associated with the city.
- Babylon the city or the system that is already fallen. Here we see the angel announcing the falling away of the city.

Third message—V 9-11 The doom of the defectors(converts/rebels)

- Message is “worship the beast and damned by God” or “worship God and damned by the beast”. There is no intermediate level.
- It is very clear - “Worship the beast and go to hell” or “worship God and get killed”
- In Ch. 13 we see the pressure people were going through as they were forced to take the mark of the beast.

Ch. 14:9-11

George H Bets a faculty at North West University did a survey:

96% of the congregational ministers do not believe in a literal hell

96% of the episcopal ministers do not believe in a literal hell

92% of the Methodist ministers do not believe in a literal hell

85% Presbyterian ministers do not believe in a literal hell

50% of the Baptist ministers do not believe in a literal hell

30% of the Lutheran ministers do not believe in a literal hell

- That's the reason they don't preach about it!!!
- The same scripture assures the love of God and the grace of God, brings judgment upon the wicked.

JB Smith says, Jesus and His beloved disciples said more about hell than the other writers of the NT.

Jesus referred to hell the word "Gahanna" 11 out of 12 times it is mentioned in NT. Jesus made 12 out of 19 references to hell fire in the NT than any other writer.

Notice the options are: Torment of those who worship the beast is for ever, the torment of those who refuse the mark is for a moment and glory for every and ever.

Ch. 14:12 & 13

Message four – V 12 & 13 - The death of the saints:

- There are multitudes of saints those who are going to be saved in the tribulation. Due to the preaching of the 1,44,000 Jews, two witnesses and other servants.
- The Bibles are going to be available, the literatures are going to be there, websites are going to be there, churches are going to be there, ministers of God are going to be there to get the Gospel across the millions those who are going to live during tribulation.
- Be attitudes of the living are told by Jesus in Matthew Ch. 5, but here we see the be attitudes of the dying “*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*”
- The rest is referred here is the death of any believer. Jesus said Lazarus is asleep, he is not dead. Death to a Christian is referred to sleep.

Ch. 14:14-16

Message Five – V 14-16 The Division of the people

- Read Matthew 13:37-43 & 47-50 (kingdom parables)
- What Jesus told is getting fulfilled here in Ch.14
- There is going to be a separation of a tares from the wheat.
- The wheat is gathered unto the Lord and tares are burnt up.

Ch. 14:17-20

Message Six – V 17- 20 The devastation of Armageddon

- There is a difference between this vision and the previous one. The previous vision is a separation of the tares from the wheat. The current vision is about the battle of Armageddon.
- This vision is a picture of the final judgment of God.
- No children of God is left out on the earth, all left out are to be judged.

Two angels:

- One comes from the temple having a sharp sickle
- Another one comes from the altar, has power over fire
- The second angel is in charge of this mission.
- He gives order to the first angel to gather the clusters of the vine.
- The second angel comes for the altar, according to Rev 6:9,10 the souls are under the altar crying out for vengeance.
- The angel comes out to answer the prayers of the souls.

Ch. 14:17-20

Joel 3:11-16 – God is going to be vindicated at the battle of Armageddon. This actually takes place in Rev Ch.19:11-21

Rev Ch. 14:20

Blood that is shed at the battle of Armageddon is spread out to 160 to 200 miles and a depth of 4 feet, height of horses' bridles. That is approx. the size of the land of Palestine from north to south.

Blood of four feet deep?

- Josephus the historian describes the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in 70AD. He says the Roman soldiers obstructed the very lanes with dead bodies and the city run down with blood such that fires of many houses were quenched with the blood of these men.
- His Son who shed His blood outside the city and they rejected His blood. Now their blood is shed outside the city.
- They Spurned the blood of Jesus and his followers, they spurned the 1,144,000, they spurned the two witnesses. Now the judgment has come their blood is shed outside the city.

Ch. 14:17-20

The Revelation Record: A Scientific and Devotional Commentary on the Book of Revelation by Henry Madison Morris

This vat of blood will extend for sixteen hundred furlongs (Greek *stadion*, with each stadion the equivalent of about 607 feet), or a distance of approximately 180 miles. Imagine, if you can, a massive army of 200 million men, stretched out for 180 miles in length and, say, a mile in width. This would allow each man an average area of only twenty-five square feet in which to maneuver. That is, every man would be separated by only five feet from the next man in front of him, behind him, and on each side. If they were on horseback, they would be packed like sardines.

That 200 million is not an impossible number is evident from the fact that this is the number of demon horsemen released from the River Euphrates under the sixth trumpet (see on Revelation 9:16) and the fact that, at this time, there will probably be still well over 2 billion people on earth. Most of the able-bodied men (possibly also women) will be drafted into the armies of the nations under the beast. If 10 percent of the world's population is gathered to fight under the beast in the Holy Land (and such seems appropriate in light of the superlatives employed in Scripture to describe this vast army), that would come to 200 million, and such a number would become a veritable sea of humanity, a mile wide and 180 miles long.

And when the blood suddenly bursts forth from the bodies of these multitudes, in addition to the blood of the horses on which they are mounted, the sea of humanity will become a sea of blood. The blood will drain toward the valley center, where it will literally reach to the horses' bridles.

Theme of the Chapter

The theme of the chapter is “Dichotomy (contrast) between false and truth, the real and the counterfeit”.

- V 6 & 7 angel preaching the true Gospel to the world taken over by the false Gospel
- V 8 Reminded of Babylon, the false religious system of the false prophet and the beast
- V 9 Either the mark of the beast, or the mark of Christ
- V 12 & 13 Blessing to those die in the Lord as suppose to those who choose to live by denying the Lord
- V 14 & 16 Harvest that separates the tares from the wheat
- V 17-20 – God puts an end to all the false system of the world.

In all these verses we see the false and the true, the genuine and the counterfeit.

Satan is the master counterfeiter. More than ever today, he is using religion to do his work on this world. The enemy is making his one last move before the return of Christ.