

## THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

*"Victory of the Lamb"*

**Revelation 14:6-20**

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Here in **Revelation 14:6-20** we see a series of announcements by angels of dramatic events which are about to take place during the Tribulation.
  - a) We have angels appearing in **verses 6,8,9,15,17and 18.**
  - b) 6 angels and each of them comes forth to make an announcement.
2. These angels announce a coming event in prophetic history that will affect the lives of the people of God, those who get saved, and are on earth during the Tribulation days.

### I. SCENE ONE: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ETERNAL GOSPEL

1. Just before the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgment which opens the 7 Bowl/Vial Judgments, an angel declares the Gospel one more time before the final judgment comes.

#### 2. Vs 6-7

3. We know that the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists of Chapter 7 & 14, God's two witnesses of chapter 11 (who were martyrs) preached the Gospel. We recall the Silent Witness of the Gospel.

4. Now Vs 7 we see 2 main exhortations!!!

a) "**Fear God**" & "**give Him glory**" - which is to worship Him.

b) The emphasis is on God "**who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.**"

5. Dr Henry Morris calls our attention to the fact that, "**If Christ is not Creator, He can hardly be the Savior or the coming King. These men of the last days must first be called back to believe in a true creation and therefore a real creator God before they can ever be constrained to come to Him as Savior.**"

6. The first angel will call men and women back to a knowledge of God as Creator of heaven and earth in order to have a worldview that provides a foundation for man's need for Christ as Savior.

#### 7. Vs 6

a) This is the only place in Scripture where the Gospel is called the "**Everlasting Gospel**" letting the people on earth know that the Gospel they are hearing is the original Gospel from God - that is the one and only Gospel for every age.

8. Absolutely no one during the Tribulation will be able to say *God* was unfair.
  - a) Because *God* will make the *Gospel* available.

## II. SCENE #2 - THE FALL OF BABYLON

### 1. Vs 8

- a) This is the first time Babylon is mentioned in Revelation.

2. This is the final overthrow of the false city and world system called Babylon.

3. Babylon grew to rule the *Mesopotamia* region and unfortunately dominated the nations, including *Israel*.

4. **REMEMBER** it was Babylon that eventually carried *Judah* into captivity in 586 BC.

- 1) It was *Daniel* who interpreted *Nebuchadnezzar's* dream of the *Great Image*.
  - a) *Nebuchadnezzar* was the head of *Gold*.

5. When Babylon is mentioned in the Bible, it refers either to the actual city of Babylon or the pagan world system that is characterized by that city.

6. **NOW WATCH:** Babylon is *God's* name for the world system the *Antichrist* will institute during the Tribulation.

- a) A system which *God* will destroy.

7. Many scholars believe that the actual ancient city of Babylon will be rebuilt and will be the center of operations for the *Beast* and the *False Prophet*.

### 8. Vs 8

- a) "*Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great*"

## III. SCENE 3 - THE DESTINY OF CHRIST REJECTERS

### 1. Vs 9-11

2. There are only 2 options in the Tribulation!

- a) **Option #1** - Worship the *Beast* (*Antichrist*) and be damned by *God*.
- b) **Option #2** - Worship *God* and be damned by the *Beast*!
  - 1) *Revelation 13:16-18*

3. Without the "**Mark of the Beast**" those who like during the Tribulation will not be able to buy or sell or do what they need to survive.

4. There will only be two choices - either you serve God, or you serve the Beast.
  - a) **VERY IMPORTANT:** God is clear about the choice we make!! Vs 9-10
  - b) **WOW!!!** God is perfectly Righteous and Just and judges people because they reject what they know to be true.
    - 1) *Romans 1:20, 2:1*

#### IV. SCENE #4 - THE DESTINY OF THE SAINTS

##### 1. Vs 12

a) *"Here is a call for the endurance of the saints"*

- 1) *"endurance"* - They are able to persevere because they are saved and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

##### 2. Vs 13

a) **WOW!!!** - One of the greatest promises in all of Scripture is *"that they may rest from their labors"*.

- 1) *"rest"* - the Bible refers to those who have died in the Lord as "asleep" and now rest from their labors.

3. The Tribulation saints will endure the most intense persecution in human history.

a) Yet Vs 12

- 1) *"those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus"*

#### V. SCENE #5 - DIVINE JUDGMENT @ HARVEST

##### 1. Vs 14-16

2. This Event takes place @ the end of the Tribulation just prior to the Tribulation.

##### 3. **Matthew 13:37-43, 47-50**

a) In those parables, Jesus describes the separation that will take place at the end of the age between the righteous and the unrighteous.

4. The message of the angel concerns the end of the Tribulation period when true believers are separated from non-believers.

5. The separation will be easy to make since everyone will be marked one way or the other.

6. The imagery is that of harvest time when the Lord puts in His sickle and reaps the harvest unto Himself.

a) The wheat is gathered to the Lord and the tares are gathered to be burned.

## VI. SCENE #6 - THE DEVASTATION OF ARMEGEDDON

### 1. Vs 17

2. The harvesting between true believers and non-believers is over.

3. This is a picture of the final destruction wrought at the battle of Armageddon.

### 4. Vs 18-19

a) *Joel 3:11-16*

### 5. Vs 20

a) Draws a picture which some find hard to believe.

1) The blood from this battle will spread nearly 200 miles @ a depth of 4 feet.

b) The Jewish historian Josephus tells us that when Titus conquered Jerusalem in AD 70 that the blood flowed so deep in the streets that it put out cooking fires in homes.

6. When we think of a 200-million-man army from the east gathered for battle in Israel, blood from the dead is not out of the question.

### 7. *Revelation 19:11-21*

### 8. *Ezekiel 39:9-12*

### 9. *Psalm 2:12*