

## **Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 18**

### **Preparations for the 7 Bowls of Wrath**

**Revelation 14:6 – 15:8 | 08/21/2016**

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### **Revelation 14:6-20**

**6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the EVERLASTING GOSPEL to preach to those who dwell on the earth — to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people —**

**7 saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who MADE heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”**

**8 And another angel followed, saying, “BABYLON is fallen, is fallen, that great CITY, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.” (ref. Isaiah 21:9)**

**9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”**

**12 Here is the PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the FAITH of Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who DIE in the Lord FROM NOW ON.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”**

**14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. <sup>15</sup> And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” <sup>16</sup> So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped. <sup>17</sup> Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup> And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to Him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.” <sup>19</sup> So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the GREAT WINEPRESS of the WRATH of God. <sup>20</sup> And the winepress was trampled outside the CITY, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.**

### **Revelation 15:1-8**

**Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.**

**2 And I saw something like a sea of glass 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. <sup>3</sup> They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:**

"Great and marvelous are Your works, **LORD** God Almighty! Just and True are Your ways,

O King of the saints! <sup>4</sup>Who shall not fear You, O **LORD**, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are **HOLY**. For **ALL NATIONS** shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."

<sup>5</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, the **TEMPLE** of the **TABERNACLE** of the **TESTIMONY** in **HEAVEN** was opened. <sup>6</sup> And out of the **TEMPLE** came the seven angels having **THE SEVEN PLAGUES**, clothed in **pure bright linen**, and having their chests girded with **golden bands**. <sup>7</sup> Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels **SEVEN GOLDEN BOWLS FULL OF THE WRATH OF GOD** who lives forever and ever. <sup>8</sup> The temple was filled with smoke from the **GLORY** of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were **COMPLETED**.

**Notes:** We are fully in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of the Great Tribulation. This is what happens **AFTER** the Rise of the Anti-Christ to full power, and **AFTER** the Rapture of the 144,000 (Rev. 14:1-5 – download and re-listen to last week's study if you need to catch up, etc.)

### 1. The Everlasting Gospel (Good News) - It is a Creationistic Message ... (Rev. 14:6-7)

This is **GOD'S LAST Call to all Nations unto Repentance** ... God makes sure all human beings on the face of the earth hear the Gospel. During this period of the Great Tribulation, no one can say that they did not hear or know the Truth of God and of His Salvation.

They've had the 144,000, the Two Witnesses, and all those who've been Born Again, who will also be sharing their Faith to the lost during this time.

Now, lastly, God sends out this Angel to Announce the Gospel unto all Nations (all humans will hear this). Thus, **No One** will be able to say that they **did not know** or never heard that God is the Creator of the entire Universe. The universe did NOT happen by accident, by some sort of Cosmic Evolution. God is the Creator. Therefore, **FEAR GOD, Surrender to Him, Submit to Him**. We owe God full surrender, just because He is Creator. We, also, owe it to Him because of Redemption, in Christ, as well. This is **GOD'S LAST GOSPEL EFFORT**.

### 2. Declaration of Babylon final demise (Rev. 14:8)

**Babylon is a Spiritual, Political, Mystical, and Religious system - and She is a Harlot, a Prostitute.** She started in Babylon, in Genesis 10 & 11 under Nimrod (tower of Babel, etc.) She moved to Egypt, then to Assyria, then to Babylon [again] (under Nebuchadnezzar), then to Medo-Persia, then to Greece, then to Rome, and now she lives in Mecca (in the Ka'aba - she is dressed real pretty, these days). Babylon is both a Spiritual System and she always has a Head Quarters, a Physical Location while "she" is there. Revelation 17 & 18 describes this very well: The Spiritual (behind the scenes concepts) and the Physical (the "city") ... her city, her final resting place, today, is in **Mecca**. The False Prophet of Revelation 13:11-18, will be in charge of her during the 2nd Half of the Great Tribulation.

### 3. The Declaration of Judgment and Wrath to those who worship the Beast and/or take his Mark (Rev. 14:9-11).

**It is a volitional choice.** There is NO going back, once a person goes over to the Beast (gives allegiance to the Anti-Christ), it is too late. **The Lake of Fire** is described (Rev. 14:10-11). Notice "**Torment**" is mentioned. No rest, day or night. This is terror, torture, pain, suffering, regret, receiving **God's Wrath ... forever, without end**. It is a place in which those sinners can see the Holy Angels of God, and can see Jesus Christ. It is NOT a place in which God is not there. **God is there** (read Psalm 139). Don't let folks deceive you about the Lake of Fire: "... tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb." God is the one Tormenting them, Torturing them, pouring out His Wrath upon them, FOREVER. **God is Judge, Jury, and Tormentor, Forever**. This is the destiny of all those OUTSIDE of Christ, those who are NOT Born Again, in Christ (motivation for evangelism?)

4. **For the Christian, during the 2nd Half of the Great Tribulation, it is better to Die in Christ, then to compromise and take the Mark and live.** Christians will know about all that we just read in Revelation 11 thru 14:11 (points #1 thru #3 above). Revelation 14:12-13 - perfectly describes the completion of the 5th Seal in Revelation 6:9-11: the completion of the number of Christian Martyrs. This describes Revelation 7:9 and Revelation 15:2-4 ... it seems that almost every Christian, from the Gentiles (of the nations, that are no Israel) is Martyred based upon these 2 verses (Revelation 14:12-13)
5. **200 Miles of Blood, The Winepress of the Wrath of God** (Rev. 14:14-20 - O.T. ref.: Isaiah 63:1-6): Jesus Himself will do this - He will tread it. This is part of what He will do, when we come down with Him (see Revelation 19). There will be a number of battle fronts, Armageddon (Rev. 16 & 19) and in Saudi Arabia (i.e.: Edom and Bozrah - Isaiah 63). All parts of the Anti-Christ Empire and the Babylonian "Spiritual" Empire will be destroyed by Jesus Christ and His saints (see Zechariah 14, Joel 2, Jude 1:14-15). The Destruction Mentioned is in Saudi Arabia, not in Israel (see Isaiah 63) --> **Rivers of Blood** as high as a horse's bridles!!! **What City?** Outside of the City of Mecca, the center and seat of the Religious Power of the Anti-Christ.  
(think of the "Rock that becomes a Mountain that smashes the Statue" in Daniel 2. That is Jesus Christ and His Saints, when we come back with Him after the Marriage Dinner, Feast, Banquet, Awards Dinner in Heaven – of the Bride and of the Lamb – after that, we get on our Heavenly Horses, along with Jesus Christ, and follow Him into battle ... )
6. **Revelation 15:1 → The Announcement of the Preparation of the 7 Last Plagues** (the 7 Bowls of God's Wrath) ... God's Final Wrath and Cleanup Operation
7. **The Worshippers on SEA of GLASS:** Rev. 15:2-4 corresponds to Rev. 7:9 and Rev. 14:12-13, perfectly. These are those that come up, OUT of the Great Tribulation - into Heaven. "And I saw something like a sea of glass 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. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying..." These innumerable multitude are the **Fruit of the Gospel Missionary** activity of the 144,000 Israel Missionaries and of the Two Witnesses (Rev. 7:9) to the Nations (Isaiah 49:6-7). Their Victory is mentioned, also, in Rev. 12:11 → "And they overcame him (Satan & The Beast) by the Blood of the Lamb AND by the Word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." They are the Gentiles, the Nations, mentioned in 15:4: "... for all nations shall come and worship before You ..." they are the completion of that number of representatives before God's Throne in Heaven.
8. **Angels on the Starting Blocks,** Ready to Pour Out God's Holy Wrath, the 7 Bowls of God's Holy and Just Wrath ... The heavenly Temple is filled with the Glory of God ... this is the Temple Moses saw on Mount Sinai ... the Vision of it. The last 7 Plagues, the 7 Bowls of Wrath perfectly correspond to the 6th Seal in Revelation 6:12-17. This describes the final period of time (a year, a few months, something like that) that remains in the **2nd Half of the Great Tribulation**. This will be HELL on Earth ... God's Wrath will be poured out ... nothing like this has ever happened and will never happen again on Planet Earth. It is all because of Satan and because of human rebellion against God. God is Just, Good, Righteous and Holy. God is not unjust, unfair, immoral. God is Good, all the time. It is His Universe, and His Planet. **He is Creator.**