

REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 22 (14:6-8) The Last Preacher on Earth

Introduction: This is one of those mysterious passages which needs a little help to understand. DISCUSS THE BACKGROUND OF THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION. Remember Domition? On his speaking stand were the words "Caesar is Lord" and on the soldier's shields were those same words. John was pastoring in Ephesus and he was preaching "Jesus Christ is Lord."

REVIEW THE BACKGROUND OF CHAPTER 14

v6 - God looks down and sees the two wicked dictators and sees how wicked things are and how the world is going farther and farther away from Him. AFTER Jesus died, was buried, rose, spent 40 days on earth and ascended to heaven, God told Him, "sit down and I will make thy enemies thy footstool..." and Jesus sat down and has been there ever since, awaiting the right moment when God says, "get up and get back down to earth..." Right before God tells Jesus to come back, God is going to give the world one more chance. God picks out His choice angel and sends him to earth to preach the Gospel one more time. God never has let anybody die without giving that person a chance. It just isn't so that if you don't become a missionary that souls will die without a chance of hearing the gospel. God does hold believers responsible, but He will never damn anybody to hell because you or me or any other Christian does not do our/his/her share. There will never be a person go to hell that didn't have a chance to believe. When anybody goes to POSITIVE VOLITION (remember, "wants to know more, wants to believe") God makes sure that they hear the Gospel. Do you UNDERSTAND? Why send missionaries? Because they and all believers are partners with God and God uses us, believers to spread His Gospel.

So God looks at His world and sees millions that have not yet believed and He sends one of His angels and tells that angel to go preach the Gospel to the world. Grace before judgment. There is nobody in this country (America) who has not had a chance to hear the Gospel - radio, television, books, magazines, pamphlets, Churches, door to door witnesses, etc. There has never been a century that anybody wanting to believe that didn't have a chance to hear the Gospel. Just before the end of time, before Jesus comes back, God sends an angel to preach - that's where we are right now in this study.

- "saw" - vision John saw as Jesus led/preached
- "every nation" - three groups: kindred, tongue, people. Kindred is racial. Every race shall hear the Gospel. Tongue is language groups. All the different languages, dialects. People refers to geographical location. Every people, race, person, language group will hear the Gospel.
- "flying" - keeps on flying until everyone hears
- "everlasting Gospel" - Why everlasting? The Gospel has always been the same, it never changes. The same Gospel - "...believe and thou shalt be saved..." There is not a different Gospel for different people, there never has been. Maybe it is called something different (Jehovah, Adonai, etc., but all are Jesus Christ). "Jesus" is the Greek name, not our English or any other dialect/language. By faith, it is the everlasting Gospel. "none other name given where by we must be saved..." There is only one way to be saved, the everlasting Gospel, no other way to be saved.

What is the Gospel? It is good news, the good news that Jesus died for all mankind and anybody who goes to hell goes not because of their sins but because they failed to believe in Jesus Christ.

John 3:36 - the issue is not sin, but it is Jesus Christ. The everlasting Gospel is not this or that denomination. The everlasting Gospel is belief in Jesus Christ - Everybody believe on Jesus Christ.

- "to preach" - aorist tense, a point of time - during the Tribulation, the purpose of God, the duty of the angel. Angels always take on human form, so now an angel preacher.

v7 - "loud voice" - loud and clear. No mumbling, no unintelligible message.

- "fear God" - why fear? It is a Gospel of love, but time is about to run out and Jesus Christ is about to return. This will be the last message, the last preacher, the one last opportunity.
- "give glory" - the same idea. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.
- "hour of his judgment IS come" - about to come. A few minutes before noon on Sundays, the congregation is about ready to get up as the service will be over in just a little bit.
- "him that made" - Jesus Christ is the creator of the world. Genesis 1 - God created (plural word), the Trinity, all three had a part in the creation, but Jesus Christ, Himself, created the world. John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:10 - Jesus Christ is the creator, God planned it, the Holy Spirit gave the power and Jesus Christ did it.

v8 - "another angel" - another preaching angel

- "Babylon is fallen" - (that great city) not there. Here is a rule to follow - go back to the first time mentioned in the Bible - a tower to heaven, one language, one nation and the word "Babel." What does the word "Babylon" stand for here? It stands for Eccumenical religion. With our own hands we will reach God with our own efforts. RELIGION sends more people to hell than anything else on earth. The two dictators will bring about a religious government. Everybody under one flag, everybody under one religion - Eccumenicism.
- "because" - why did she fall?
- "made all nations drink" - In Revelation 17 and 18, we are going to study this 'RELIGION'. All mankind is going to be forced to bow and worship the Gentile dictator. All nations will be under one religion. That's why it is referred to here in this verse.

God doesn't want anybody to go to hell and God will send one last preacher with the same Gospel message: "Believe in Jesus Christ and receive eternal life."

I am a sinner - everybody is.

I am unworthy - everybody is.

I fear God - everybody should

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